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A Direct Acting Steam Riveter.

While in nearly every branch of mechanics great attention has been paid to improvements in labor saving machinery, the very important department of boiler making has been comparatively neglected. Until recently the punch, shears and rolls constituted the whole stock of labor-saving machinery in the boiler shop.

Of late, however, the attention of mechanics has been turned to this neglected field, and improvements are now being introduced that are destined soon to effect a revolution in the present methods of work. The best shops are now introducing machinery for scarfing, flanging and riveting with most excellent results, not only as regards the saving in cost, but (which is of much greater importance) in the improved quality of the work.

We present herewith an illustration of the direct acting steam riveter, manufactured by the Erie City Iron Works, of Erie, Pa.

The main body of the machine is a standard heavily braced and extending below the floor about five feet, to receive the heavy post or "man" which is fitted to its front side, and securely held in place by bolts and a very heavy wrought iron band (shrunk on) around the whole machine. The steam cylinder and valve are bolted to the opposite side of the standard, the top of which serves as a guide to the piston rod, which is eight inches diameter, and does duty as a ram. The top of the post and end of the ram have each three holes for the reception of dies. These dies are of steel, their faces countersunk to form the heads of the rivets, and are usually placed in the center holes, unless required to work in a corner (as in the furnace of a locomotive), when they are moved into one or the other of the side holes as required. They are also so arranged as to admit the riveting of a head to the shell or angle iron to a plate. The valve is balanced and worked by hand, giving the operator perfect control of the movement of the ram and force of the blow. The work to be riveted is suspended by a swivel and chain, and raised or lowered between the dies by any suitable device.

The method of riveting is as follows: The plates being in position between the dies, a light blow is struck to "set up" the iron, and insure perfect contact. The rivet is now inserted, and a slow crushing blow is delivered, the whole pressure being allowed to remain on the rivet till it has practically cooled, when a quick, sharp blow is given, and the work is done. The cylinder is 36 in diameter, and with 50 lbs. of steam this gives a blow or pressure of 50,000 lbs. This enormous force upon the hot, soft rivet, upsets it perfectly without injury to the iron, and leaves it better and stronger than a hand driven rivet, which becomes more or less crystallized by hammering.

It is claimed for this machine that the two most essential points in good riveting, viz., close contact of the plates and thorough filling of the hole by the rivet, are obtained more perfectly than can be done by hand, particularly in heavy work. It is well adapted not only to all kinds of boiler work, but also for bridge and ship work. It rivets plates 60 in. wide, and weighs about 22,000 lbs. Further particulars may be obtained of the manufacturers.

A Notable Anniversary.

We find the following in the *London Mining Journal* of the 28th ult:

Forty-nine years and a day have elapsed since the formal opening on September 27, 1825, of the first public railway. The Stockton and Darlington Railway has passed out of existence as a distinct institution, but yet it figures as a section of the gigantic monopoly of the North—the North-Eastern Railway, and the district which gave birth to it will not willingly let die the story of its fame. It may be interesting to recall the facts recorded, and to add others gathered from the memories of the few survivors of the early days of the first railway.

Early in this century communication by canal or railway between the port of Stockton and the coal districts to the west of the county of Durham was projected. Committees were appointed to forward the project at Darlington in 1812, and at Stockton in 1813, and that at the latter place issued an elaborate report drawn up by Mr. G. Leather, at the instance of the late Mr. Christopher Tenuant, of Stockton, in favor of a canal from Portrack, near Stockton, to Evenwood Bridge, near West Auckland. Slowly, however, opinion of capitalists gravitated to the project of a railway, as it was then called; and in 1819 application to Parliament was made for power to construct such. The application was defeated, and in the following year a second application also fell to the ground. In 1823, however, the application of the Stockton and Darlington Company was granted by the Legislature. The company seems to have taken time by the forelock, for on May 23, 1825, the first rail of the railway was laid near St. John's

Well, Stockton, by Mr. Thomas Meynell, of Yarm, the chairman of the company. Sixty shareholders composed the company; the length of the line was 25 miles, and its construction occupied above three years. On Sept. 26 the committee and directors had a preparatory trip on the line, and on the following day the formal opening took place—the first locomotive conveying a vast body of passengers, and goods estimated at 90 tons, from Brusselton Incline to Stockton.

The account given by one of the few recorders of that day has been so often quoted that repetition is unnecessary. Of those who made the journey most have passed over it into the silent land, the chief and almost sole survivor now is Mr. Henry Pease. Little expectations had the company of passenger traffic, and one "coach"—mounted on flanged wheels, and named the "Experiment," was their sole provision for it. For eight years its successors were horse drawn, and constant quarrels arose between the drivers of the quadrupeds and the drivers of the engines used for merchandise. When Middlesborough was forming, coaches such as Union and Express were first locomotives.

Saltburn—the chief of the great northern counties are served by the aggregate of lines in which the identity of the ancient mother of locomotion is sunk. Five years after the opening of the Stockton and Darlington line its rolling stock consisted of 59 chaldron wagons, 53 wooden ones, and 29 three-quarter chaldron ones—the estimated value of which was under £1200. If now the rolling stock of the company were gathered, both lines from Hexham to Newcastle would be blocked, the line to Durham would be filled, to Morpeth would be similarly used, and every line and branch for miles round Newcastle would be occupied with about 70,000 conveyances, costing capital some £7,500,000. Railways have revolutionized England; making traveling possible and commerce probable. And in the North—the birthplace of one of the railway, the locomotive and their great introducers—the results of that revolution are seen as greatly as in the South. In Britain, then, there should be on the anniversary of a memorable day have been remembrance of the two men, George Stephenson, in his honored grave, and Edward Pease, in his quiet resting place in the Quakers' burial place at Darlington.

tuses necessary either for its expoliation or for the utilization of its products by trade and the public. It is thus that the tar and ammoniacal waters form the object of special manufacture in one separate establishment, and in three workshops established in three of the principal gasworks.

The company itself manufactures at La Villette the retorts and all the refractory products it uses in its works; and the arrangement is on such a scale that furnace pieces can be supplied to gas works at a distance that may desire them. A coppersmith's workshop, also at La Villette, gives the company the means of providing all the apparatus of plate metal required in its operations, such as gasometers, reservoirs for water, tar, condensers, etc. In still another workshop it constructs the gas engines, which, employed for several years past in different parts of Parisian industry, have popularized the use of gas as a motor force, replacing advantageously, in some cases, the steam engine, and always with economy of manual labor. Lastly, it executes the laying of the pipes by which the gas circulates in the public streets. These operations are of great importance from

To avoid the inconveniences which may arise from the operations of a gas industry in the interior of a place like Paris, several important improvements have recently been introduced. Thus, to render impossible the infiltration of oily products into the ground—the effect of which is to alter the nature of water supplying the wells on neighboring properties—the tars and oils produced are stored in large reservoirs of sheet iron, placed at an elevation on blocks of masonry. These reservoirs are, beside, so arranged as to permit an easy surveillance at their edges, and also to economize a large part of the expense of manual labor at the time of delivery. The oils, received directly on coming out of the serpentine, in iron tanks, are forced by air pressure into the reservoirs. By this simple combination considerable labor is saved, while waste and causes of fire are avoided. Another special arrangement provides for the avoidance of the odorous emanations which would otherwise be produced while the pitch is being decolored in the basins. This arrangement permits of distributing daily in the pits, and at a distance of more than 100 meters, without production of traces of vapors, a quantity of more than 100 tons of pitch. Lastly, in the work of prolonged distillation of tar in order to produce anthracene, an agitator apparatus of special arrangement has been fitted to the boilers, which is kept in action throughout the process. In this way are largely reduced the deposits which form at the bottom of the boilers.

The ammoniacal waters produced by distillation of coal are treated in these special works by means of apparatus devised by M. Malet. The quantity of ammoniacal products obtained in these works reaches annually about 3000 tons. The products are sulphate of ammonia, used for manufacture of alum, and in agriculture; its use as manure has considerable developed within the last four or five years. The nitrogen assimilable by plants occurs in sulphate of ammonia in the fixed state, and so is not liable to be volatilized and lost, like that of Peruvian guano, and of every fermentable matter. Its effect are less rapid than those of guano, but they are more durable. The volatile alkali, or solution of caustic ammonia in water, used for dyeing, scouring, frigorific machines on Carre's system, &c.

The introduction of special apparatus, combined so that the vapors liberated during the treatment of ammoniacal water are carried to hearths at the foot of tall chimneys, suppresses all inconveniences to the neighborhood, at the same time improving the general conditions of health in the workshops. The new apparatus, manometer and safety valves, fitted to the boiler for distillation, obviate accidents which might sometimes occur from obstruction of the pipes by ammoniacal salts.

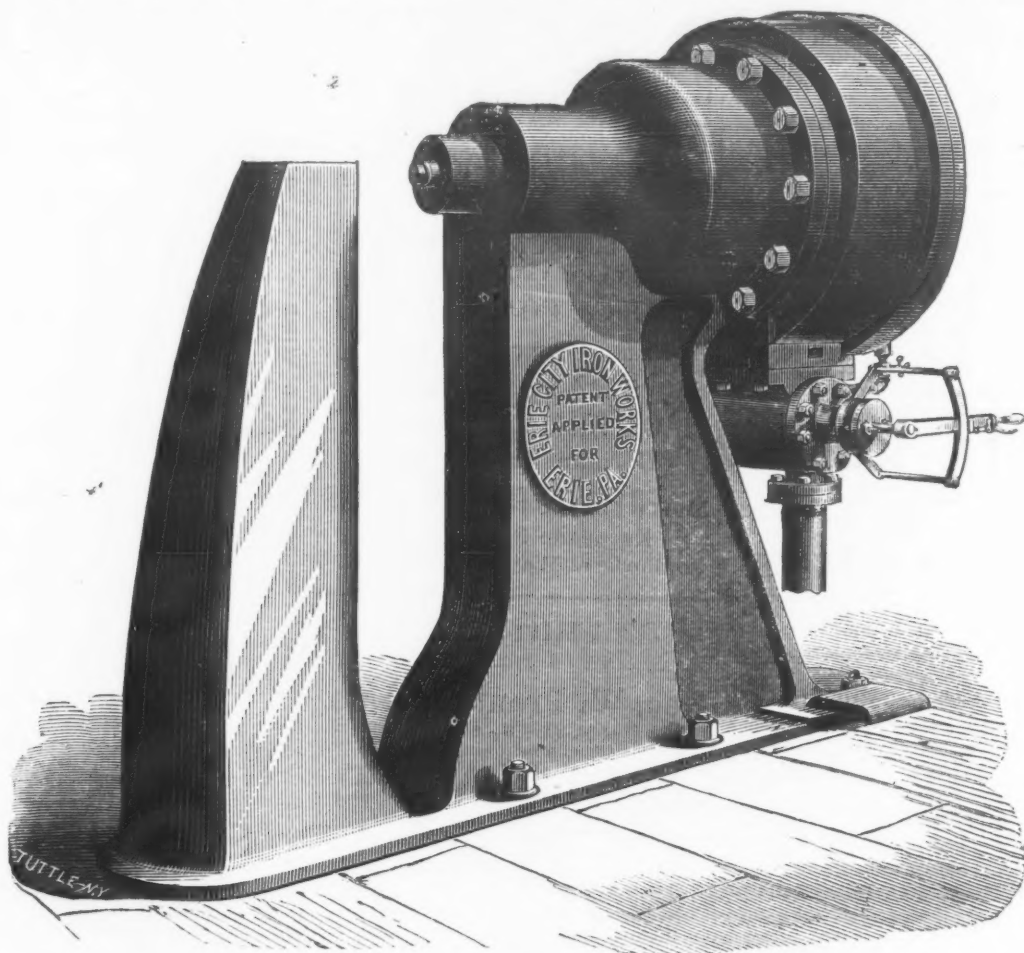
It is also at La Villette, and near the Saint Denis Canal and the railways du Nord and de l'Est, that the works for manufacture of refractory products is centralized. The process of crushing and mixture of earths and cements, the kneading of the paste, and the conveyance to the bottom of the work are effected mechanically with a steam engine of 40 horse-power. The shaping of the pieces, which requires the greatest care, is done only by hand. The workshops, in which the products are dried, are heated, without expense, both by the heat lost from the baking-furnaces and by the escape steam of the engine, circulating in pipes around the apartment. The baking is done in furnaces having two or four hearths, heated with coke got from the gas works.

The quantity of retorts made annually is about 3000. There are produced, beside, more than 20,000 various pieces, of extra-refractory composition, for the fitting up of furnaces (blocks, arch stones, &c.), and a million of refractory bricks.

The company has, further, found a means of utilizing the slag, from the hearths of gas-furnaces. It is made to enter into a composition containing more than half its weight of this matter, and thus very hard materials are obtained for paving of workshops, stables, &c.—Iron.

The longest blast of a charcoal furnace yet announced is that of the Shelby Iron Company's furnace, at Shelby, Ala. It has now been working continuously for three years and seven months, and has made an average of 100 tons per week since it blew in. The greater part of the production has been an excellent iron for car wheel purposes, and its quality ranks it among our very best American irons. The ores used are limonites, yielding, when roasted, about 53 to 54 per cent. in the furnace. The consumption of charcoal has been 110 bushels (of 18½ lb.) per ton of pig iron produced. The lining of the furnace is of fire brick, made at the works from clay found in the neighborhood.

Steam engines and vacuum pans for the sugar plantations of Cuba are to be manufactured at the Tredegar Iron Works, at Richmond, Va.



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live-propelled by the Wilberforce. The rest we know; and know, too, that despite deficiencies, the motto has been appropriate which was chosen to emblazon Experiment by a clergyman named Peacock, of Stafton, near Stockton—*periculum privatum utilitas publica*. The company ordered three engines of Messrs. R. Stephenson & Company—Locomotion, the first engine employed on a public railway, which was the sole engine employed in 1825, and two others which commenced work in the following year—Hope and Black Diamond. It was soon found that repairing works were needed for the engines, and in 1825 a narrow, barn like shed was erected at Shildon. It consisted of a blacksmith's shop, with two smiths' fires, in which less than half a dozen smiths worked; a joiners' shop, with a similar number of hands, and a shed to hold two small engines.

The measure in which this first railway has influenced the district it penetrates cannot be better told than by brief figures showing the difference in the populations then and now. It may, however, serve to show the magnitude of that system, founded by a Stephenson and a Pease, if we quote from official statistics a few figures proving the extent of the development of the railway system in the North. Instead of one engine, the successors of the Stockton and Darlington Company have 1155; in place of one coach they have above 1500; the line has grown from 25 miles to 1311; the dividend is more than threefold; the capital, from £160,000, is now above £48,000,000. The two small sheds for repairs have found such huge successors that their cost is above £380,000 yearly; and the amount of train mileage run is enormous—approaching 30,000,000 miles yearly. From Doncaster and Hull to Berwick, from Scarborough to Carlisle, from Tebay and Penrith to

whose skill and enterprise carried to a successful issue an undertaking which was hazardous then, but which has proved itself the parent of uncounted blessings. They were the pioneers of a system which has set time at defiance, and made distance of little moment. On rapid communication all the appliances of our civilization depend, and having it we may well turn in grateful thought to the Killingworth engine-wright and the Darlington manufacturer, who needed an energy we can scarcely now credit, beside skill and enterprise, to slowly bring into being, 49 years ago, the first passenger railway.

Gas Manufacture in Paris.

The Parisian company for lighting and heating by gas, founded in 1855 by the union of several companies which previous to that time divided the work of lighting Paris, produces a quantity of gas which exceeds annually 140,000,000 of cubic metres. The manufacture of gas is carried on in ten works, which supply both Paris and its suburbs. They are those of La Villette, Ternaux, Passy, Vaugirard, Ivry, Belleville, Saint Mandé, Saint Denis, Boulogne, and Maisons-Alfort.

The chief product of manufacture is gas for lighting. It is obtained either in ordinary gas retorts, or in the coke furnaces patented by MM. Pauwels and Dubochet. The coke proceeding from distillation of the coal, when it comes from the retorts, is used for domestic heating, because it is very light; the coke from the furnace, on the other hand, being hard and very dense, is sold either for railway uses or for metallurgical industries.

The company also possess works in which it treats the sub-products of distillation, and other works in which are prepared the appa-

the large consumption of gas, and the difficult conditions encountered in the streets of a large city like Paris. To satisfy the requirements of the service the company has devised new processes of laying and joining the pipes, had recourse to pipes of uncommon diameter, and special apparatus, stop-cocks, etc.

The treatment of tar, the quantity of which annually exceeds 25,000 tons, is done in the central works at La Villette, which contains steam engines with a total force of about 80 horse-power, and employs ordinarily more than 120 workmen. This workshop, completely changed within the last five years, occupies a surface of 5½ hectares. The principal products obtained are: The light essences, which undergo in one workshop various special treatments, the aim of which is to obtain the commercial products known under the names of benzine, for scouring, application of caoutchouc, &c.; phenic acid, for preparation of plieic acid and disinfection; benzole, primary matter in the manufacture of aniline. A new manufacture, that of anthracene products, employed in the preparation of artificial alizarine, has of late been added to the others. The heavy oil, utilized for conservation of wood, for oil paintings, and the manufacture of smoke black, and which can also be advantageously used in heating furnaces and steam boilers. The pitch, employed for agglomeration of slack coal, preparation of artificial bitumen, &c. Lastly, to utilize a residue which is almost without value, and always encumbering, an abundant product in gas works, coke dust, the company has recently erected a special workshop, in which this dust is agglomerated with pitch. It thus obtains a fuel suitable for heating steam boilers, and which may be mixed, in a certain proportion, with the coke used in heating gas furnaces.

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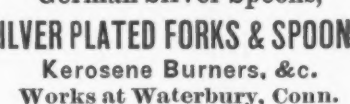
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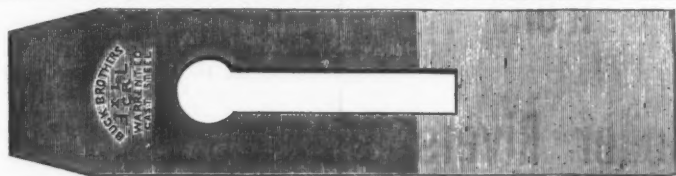
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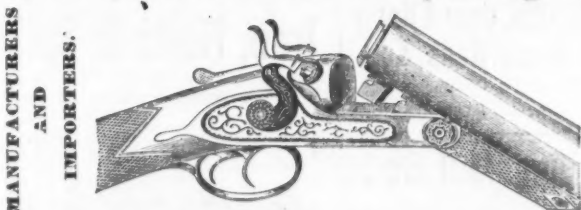
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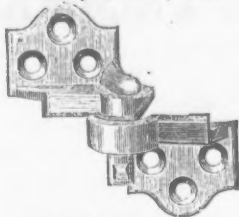
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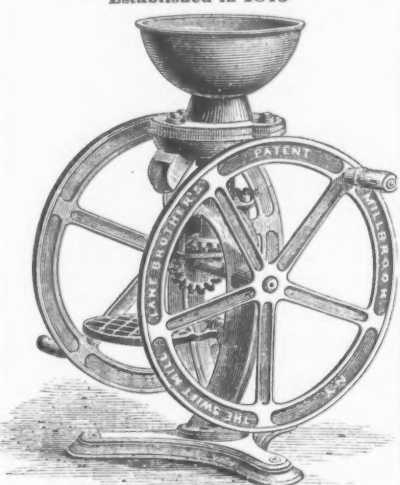
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Iron and Coal in India.

The *Gazette of India* has just published some reports on the districts favorable for the manufacture of iron. Of Chandah, Mr. Bauerman, the government reporter, says: There are two localities, about five miles apart, known as Lohara. At the eastern one there is a mass of dense red hematite and magnetite more or less silicious, forming an isolated hill, which rises to about 120 feet above the level of the surrounding country. This mass would probably yield from 300,000 to 500,000 tons without going below the surface. The second or western Lohara is similar in character, but smaller in extent. These ores are about forty-five to fifty miles from Chandah, and would become of great value in the event of iron making becoming general in India, as they would be used for fettling puddling furnaces, and for mixing with the poorer ores of other districts. Whether they can be smelted upon the spot depends upon the nature of the coal obtainable from the Chandah-Berar coal field, and upon this point there is at present no evidence upon which to found an opinion, as neither of the collieries in process of sinking at Pisgaon and Wurora has as yet reached the coal. From what I have heard of the character of the seam as developed by boring, I do not think that it is likely to prove serviceable for blast furnace purposes, but no opinion of any positive value can be formed upon this point until the coal has been developed to some extent by actual mining. The ore at Yenak consists of pebbles of red hematite in a red sandstone matrix, forming regularly stratified beds. The most important of these is about 27 feet thick. The ore is scattered irregularly through the rock, and in places forms loose heaps of considerable extent on the ground where the sandstone has been weathered at the surface. In depth the rock will probably become hard, so that it will require breaking by mechanical means to separate the stone from the ore; but as the series extends for about nine miles, probably a great deal of ore might be got by mere surface cleaning along the outcrop. The ore is similar to that of Lohara, but does not occur in such large masses. There is limestone close by, and the Berar coal field is within a few miles. This may probably become a place of some value when the coal field is further developed. The iron ores of the Raneeunge coal field resemble the clay ironstones of the European coal measures, but are more concentrated, forming a middle series between the upper and lower coal bearing rocks. Though not so rich as the hematite of the central provinces, they are more accessible for working, and are found in conjunction with fuel that may probably be used for smelting purposes. Much of this iron ore is used as ballast and road metal on the Barrakur Branch Railway and the Grand Trunk Road; it can be raised very cheaply, and is by far the most promising material for any scheme of iron making to be carried out at once, as the district is well supplied with roads and railways, and more coal is produced than can be sold in the present state of the market. The Karunpoora clay iron ores, which form the basis of Mr. Donaldson's scheme for iron making at Hazareebagh, are much inferior in quality and quantity to those of Raneeunge, and cannot be considered to be of any practical value except for the native iron workers, especially as the country is without roads, and nothing is known of the quality of the coal which it was proposed to use for smelting; this part of the country is also very deficient in limestone. The brown hematite of the Nerbudda Valley, which is found in limestone about twenty-five miles north of Gurwarais, as regards quality, about the best of the Indian iron ores that I have seen. If good coal were to be discovered by the boring at Garrawara, that station would form a good site for iron works, producing small bar and sheet iron, and similar high classed products. The coal got at Mohpani is, apart from its quality, far too high priced at present to be thought of for use in iron making, the Nerbudda Coal and Iron Company asking 11s. per ton taken at the pit's mouth.

The great deficiency of India in regard to iron making is in furnace building materials and limestone for fluxing. At Raneeunge, fire bricks that appear to be of a very good quality are made from mixtures of various clays brought from a distance, and consequently they are comparatively high in price. As to their fire resisting qualities, I have heard very different opinions from the colliery engineers who have used them in their boiler flues, so that it will be necessary to have direct experimental evidence before pronouncing an opinion on this point. The locality that seems to me to offer the best prospects for the establishment of large iron works in India is somewhere in the neighborhood of the Barrakur Branch Railway, within reach of the Sanktoria coking coals and the clay ironstone banks which are exposed on the railway cutting and on the Grand Trunk Road. The coke made in this coal field is moderately dense, but will probably be found to be very ash, and to contain a good deal of sulphur, both very prejudicial qualities for iron making purposes, but still it is the best fuel that can be got in the country, and I believe that similar fuel is successfully used in some parts of Europe. I will institute inquiries on this point as soon as I return to England.

In conclusion, I wish to impress upon the Indian government the necessity of getting complete analytical evidence as to the composition of the ores, fuel, and fluxes proposed to be used before going into any projects for the erection of new works. The problem to be solved is not a simple one, as there appears to be no single locality in which all the requisites for the production of iron can be obtained to advantage on the spot. Another point to which I wish to direct attention is that of railway rates. It is becoming a common practice in most iron making countries in Europe, and

especially in the United States of America, to carry iron ores and other materials for iron making from very great distances to the smelting furnaces, and it would facilitate the production of iron in India if good ores could be carried to the coal in the same way. For this purpose, however, very much lower rates would be necessary than those now charged by the railway companies for the carriage of minerals.

In the report of Mr. Hughes, of the geographical department in Raneeunge, the following passage is well worthy of notice. It is almost needless to say that the claim of this field (Raneeunge) to be considered the most advantageous position for the manufacture of iron in Bengal on a European scale was recognized years and years ago by the survey, and that Mr. Bauerman, in recommending it as the locality offering the best prospects of success, has but confirmed the opinion held by every geologist and others competent to offer one. The establishing of large iron works was not urged at the time of the survey of the Raneeunge field, for it would have shown an utter disregard of the conditions essential to success to have done so. Since then, however, increased facilities of communication, discoveries of better coals, the possibility of making coke, and the steady rise in the price of imported iron have tended to reduce the margin of probable failure to such proportions that the prospect of the successful manufacture of iron has emerged from the region of speculation. The caution imposed, however, by Mr. Bauerman on the government of India before going into any projects for the erection of works is very judicious, for it is undeniable that the subject of fluxes is a most essential point to inquire into. With a view to throw some light upon the application of *kunkur*, I have lately made a few trial assays in the mint. I obtained a very fair slag, but it must be remembered that the assays were conducted under a favorable combination of circumstances unattainable in a furnace, and that before the practical adaptability of *kunkur* can be pronounced upon experiments on a more extensive scale ought to be carried out. The result of the small trials in so far answers a useful purpose that it indicates a possible substitute for limestone, and can be accepted as some measure of the value of *kunkur*. I propose, at the end of the field season, operating upon a few tons of raw material, varying the proportionate quantities of *kunkur*, ore and coal, and I cannot but anticipate that the deductions from such experiments will be of use. I am happy to say that I have already received offers of assistance and the loan of a cupola from the Hon. T. M. Robinson, of the Bengal Coal Company, and Colonel H. Hyde, R. E., to the latter of whom I am already indebted for facilities afforded me during my preliminary assays. I presume it is unnecessary to adduce evidence in proof of the enormous amount of coal which exists in the Raneeunge field. There is, perhaps, no area of similar size in the whole world which can compare with it for actual thickness of seams. The coal, however, is not so good in quality as it might be, but I believe better will be discovered as the field becomes progressively developed. The weak point of our Indian coal is the amount of inorganic matter that it possesses as compared with good English and Welsh coal; but lately two samples have been received at the Geological Survey Office, one from Sanpur, near Nirsha, and the other from Bahmandiha, near Niamatpur, which contain only 8.9 and 8.7 per cent. of ash respectively. The portion of the field which possesses the most promising coals, east of the Burakur, is decidedly that part of it limited in a northwest direction by the outcrop of the seams mined on the Sanktoria and Belui properties, and in a southwest direction by the Panchet formation, marked on the geological map. Within this area is included, in addition to the collieries belonging to the Bengal and New Beerbloom Companies, those owned by Messrs. Apar, and two or three quarries possessed by natives. Some of the land is, I am informed, held by Ranees Sarne Moui, a Hindoo lady, whose religious principles are opposed to coal mining. The deposits of iron ore are of two distinct geological ages. The older are associated with eal measures as a group in the series, while the more recent constitutes what is termed the laterite formation. Laterite, as a rule, is not rich in iron, and as it does not occur in any force west of the meridian of the town of Raneeunge, I directed my attention principally to the ores of the coal measures. I did not restrict my observations to any one special locality. I visited the lands east of Basera and Madapoor, and the entire tract from Lalganj to Bagunia. I thought it possible that the Singaram Valley might be a good locality for iron works, but it does not offer the same advantages as the western part of the field, where the iron ores of the measures are in close proximity to the superior coals of Sanktoria, Belui, Dumarkunda, Bahmandiha, &c.

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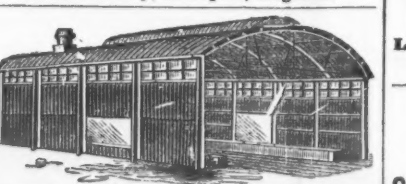
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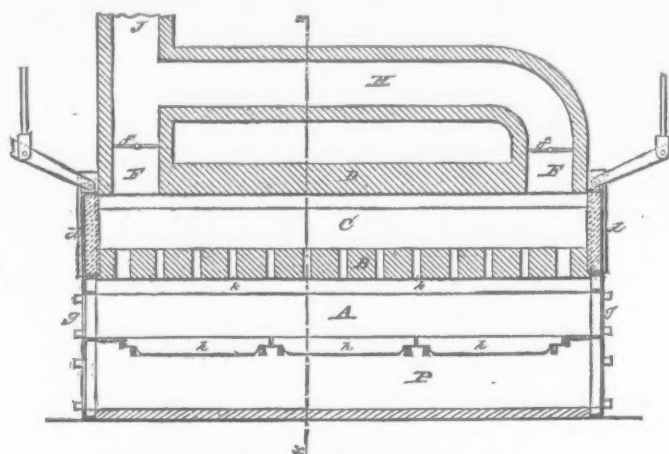
We take from the records of the Patent Office at Washington the following specifications of certain patents lately issued, which will be found interesting:

IMPROVEMENT IN FURNACES FOR HEATING AND ANNEALING SHEET METAL, &c.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 154,334, dated August 25, 1874, issued to Caleb Marshall, of Philadelphia, Pa.:

Fig. 1 shows a longitudinal vertical section, and Fig. 2 a cross section in the line x x of Fig. 1. In patent No. 114,956, issued to the inventor, dated May 16, 1871, he described a process for removing scale from iron, and otherwise treating it during the operations of annealing, finishing and coating. In carrying on the several operations named in said patent, a heating furnace is required. The object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved furnace for that purpose.

The metal being generally in the form of sheets, and requiring the same uniform treatment in all parts, it is necessary that the heat be evenly distributed, and regulated at will to any required degree. The heating cham-



IMPROVED HEATING AND ANNEALING FURNACE.—Fig. 1.

ber must be kept as free as possible from flame, smoke, dust and sulphur, and should in no part become too highly heated. The accomplishment of these ends is the result of my invention.

In the drawings, A is the fire chamber, covered by a perforated arch, B, above which is the chamber or oven, C, in which is placed the plates, sheet iron, or other articles to be treated. D is the crown arch, or roof, of the oven. Flues F F, provided with dampers f f, rise from each end of the oven, and lead to separate chimneys, or by a back flue, such as shown at H, connect with a common chimney, as shown at J. At each end of the furnace are two doors, the upper d d, being the ordinary lifting or working door, such as used in heating and other furnaces, and the lower, g g, suitable doors for charging fuel into the fire chamber. Grate bars h h extend the entire length of the furnace, but a fire box at each end, or even a fire box at only one end, with suitable arrangement of

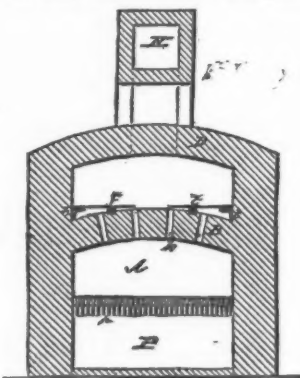


Fig. 2.

flues and dampers, so as to distribute the heat, would answer.

The perforations k k in the arch of the fire chamber permit the products of combustion to enter the oven and distribute them evenly; and the interposition of the perforated arch between the fire chamber and the oven prevents any excess of temperature at any part which would injure the articles to be heated.

On the floor of the oven are placed supports t t, made preferably of wrought iron, on which rests the sheet iron or other articles. Beneath the grate bar is the ash pit, P.

The arrangement shown gives a free combustion of the fuel, an even distribution of the heat in the oven, and easy means of controlling the temperature at all times. If the oven is too hot in either end, a proper adjustment of the damper will equalize it, and, by closing or opening them, the heat is controlled.

Claim.—1. A furnace for heating metal plates, sheet iron, and other metallic articles, provided with a fire chamber and a heating oven, with a perforated arch between, arranged so as to operate substantially as described.

2. The combination of the fire chamber, the perforated arch and heating chamber, having flues, F F, and dampers, f f, at each end.

3. The oven or heating chamber, C, provided with a perforated floor, supports t t, and flues, F F, and back flue, H.

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Mr. Abraham S. Hewitt on Protection and the Tariff.

We extract the following from the address of Mr. A. S. Hewitt to the electors of the XVI. Congressional District of this city, on Thursday evening last:

The protectionists, if they had their way, would practically prohibit the importation of such articles as enter into competition with American industry; the free traders, on the other hand, would absolutely abolish all these duties, and impose them only on such articles as are not, or cannot be, produced in the United States, such as tea and coffee. Now I belong to neither of these classes. So long as foreign commerce is, as I believe it to be, a desirable branch of the national business, and especially so long as this city is so vitally interested in it, I would not prohibit the importation of a single article which the consumer desires to have; but as duties must be imposed in order to get revenue, I would select these articles in preference which enter into competition with American industry, and which can be produced in this country with as little expenditure of human labor as in other countries, and upon these ar-

injury to the workingman and the country at large. I am, therefore, for a revenue tariff based mainly upon articles which enter into competition with our own staple industry carried on at a higher rate of wages, but not by the expenditure of a larger amount of labor.

And in this position I am in strict harmony with the great lights of the democratic party, Jefferson, Jackson, Marcy, Wright, Walker and Guthrie, who always advocated "a free breakfast-table for the working men." If the democratic party has ever in any convention or elsewhere taken a position more advanced than this I do not know where or when it was, and I venture to predict that if it should do so, before the rates of wages are equalized throughout the manufacturing world, it will lose the sympathy and the votes of the workingmen, to which alone it owes its existence and its power.

It must always be borne in mind, however, that tariffs are only taxes in disguise, and that unnecessary taxation is the greatest enemy to productive labor and capital. Its weight falls first and exclusively upon labor, and it never reaches capital until labor is unable to pay. Hence the workingmen have a far greater interest than capitalists possibly can have in seeing that taxation is kept at a minimum, that the government is restrained within its proper sphere of action, and that its expenditures are economically and wisely made.

If the voters of this district should decide, therefore, that I am to represent their interests in the XLVth Congress my vote and my actions while there will always be governed by the considerations which I have here stated, looking first to the steady employment of labor; secondly, to the largest possible compensation for that labor; thirdly, to the extension of the foreign commerce of the city of New York; fourthly, to the economical administration of the government and suppression of extravagance; fifthly, to that kind of legislation which will tend to a more general and equal distribution of the proceeds of industry among those who are engaged in its walks; and, lastly, to the establishment throughout the length and breadth of the land of such a just and proper government as we demand for ourselves in this State and this city.

Auriferous Magnetic Iron Sand in Vermont.

Along the course of White River, near the town of Gaysville, Vermont, there have been discovered very extensive and valuable deposits of magnetic iron sand, rich in gold. These deposits extend for nearly forty miles along the course of the stream, and have not yet been fully explored. Their origin is pronounced by geologists who have examined them to be alluvial, and they may be traced to a glacial period by the character and appearance of the rocks. The banks on either side of the stream consist of fine sand, clay, water worn stones of varied character, magnetic iron sand and gold of rare purity in scales and flakes. They are from 20 to 200 feet in height. By the action of water the fine sand and clay were carried away, while the heavy gravel remained, forming natural riffles. In and among which the iron sand and gold were deposited and so accumulated from year to year. These deposits, which are still forming, vary from 6 to 30 feet in depth, and from 100 to 200 feet in width. They contain from six to eight per cent. of iron sand, and gold to the value of \$2 to \$4 per ton. The iron sand, after concentration by the very simple and primitive process now employed to separate the gold, has been found to yield from 68 to 70 per cent. of metallic iron, almost wholly free from foreign substances, and showing by analysis only a trace of either sulphur or phosphorus. The value of this sand for the manufacture of fine cast steel is undoubtedly very great. Experiments were made not long since at the University of Pennsylvania, by Prof. Geuth, and a cast steel of superior purity was produced. Samples of the sand and of the metal made from it, which we have seen, show that it possesses a great economic value for steel making, also for the manufacture of very pure and fine wrought iron. At the present time no use is made of this iron sand. Mr. J. J. Salter and others are engaged in concentrating it for the gold, and we understand the enterprise is yielding a very good profit, as the gold is very fine. The iron sand, however, has not been utilized, and a considerable quantity has already been accumulated. With their present limited facilities they are concentrating about thirty tons of the iron sand per day, and as charcoal can be had in the neighborhood at from eight to ten cents per bushel; water power for little or nothing; labor for \$1.50 to \$2 per day, and transportation at moderate cost by rail, it would seem as if the location was a favorable one for steel making on a very considerable scale.

Serfdom of the Scotch Miners.—The president of the Social Science Association, says *Iron*, touched on the too frequently forgotten fact that within the memory of living men the Scottish miners were serfs, sold with the soil, or transferred, it might be, by the caprice of masters, from one district of the country to another. There is a rather humorous example of this caprice related by Hugh Miller in his "Schools and Schoolmasters." A Scottish proprietor of mines had been visiting some friends at a distance, also in possession of collieries. In examining his friend's estate, he accidentally heard a collier talking in the peculiar dialect of his native district. Turning, in surprise, to the man, he asked how he came to have emigrated. The miner looked at him, and with an air of mingled sadness and astonishment, said, "Do you not mind me? Your father sold me for a pony." In 1842, when Parliament issued a commission to inquire into the nature and results of female labor in the coal pits of Scotland, there was a collier still living that had never been twenty miles from the Scottish capital, who could state to the commissioners that both his father and grandfather had been slaves, that he himself had been born a slave, and that he had wrought for years in a pit in the neighborhood of Musselburgh ere the colliers got their freedom. Father and grandfather had been parishioners of the late Dr. Carlyle, of Inveresk. They were contemporary with Chatham and Cowper, and Burke and Fox; and at a time when Granville Sharp could have stepped forward and effectually protected the runaway negro who had taken refuge from the tyranny of his master in a British port, no man could have protected them from the Inveresk laird, their proprietor, had they dared to exercise the right common to all Britons beside, of removing to some other locality, or of making choice of some other employment. The peculiarity of this state of matters in Scotland was that the slavery of the Scottish miner was not a thing of ancient date or relic of early barbarism, but originated in decisions of the Court of Session.

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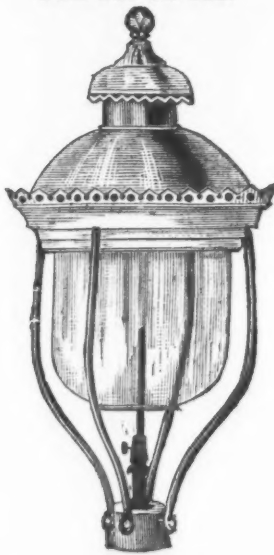
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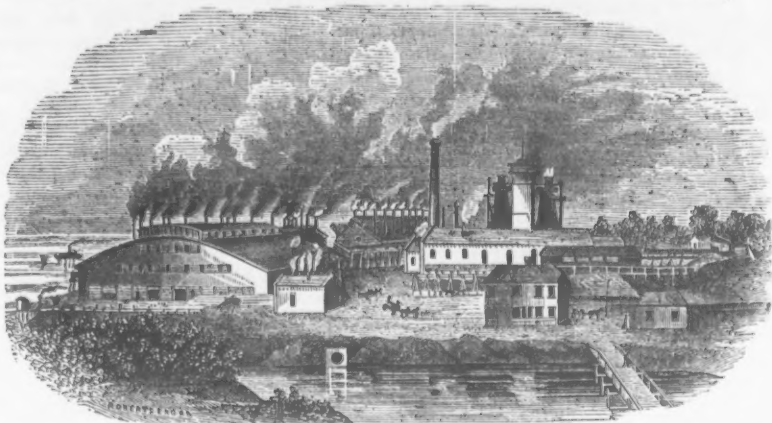
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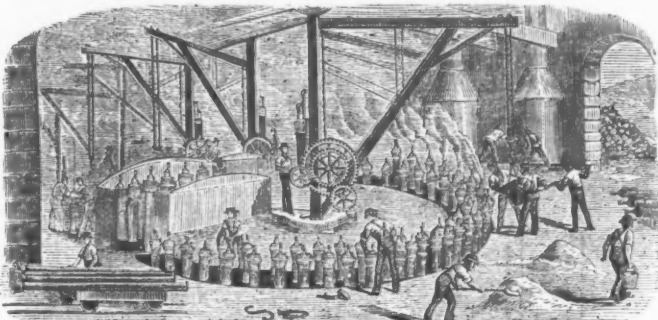
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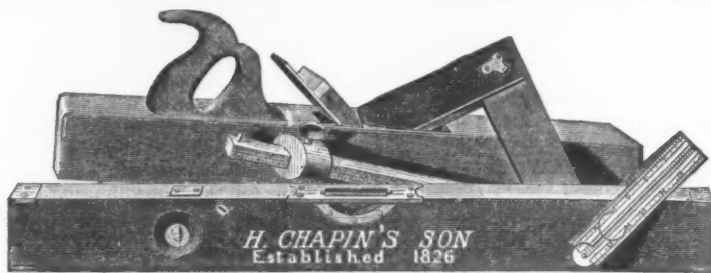
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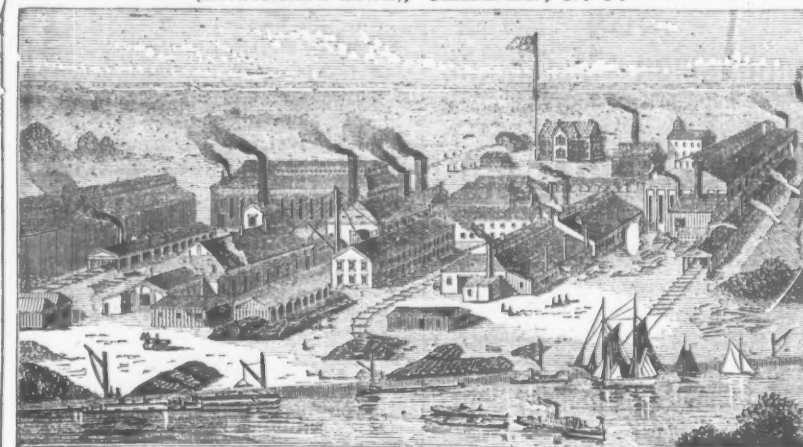
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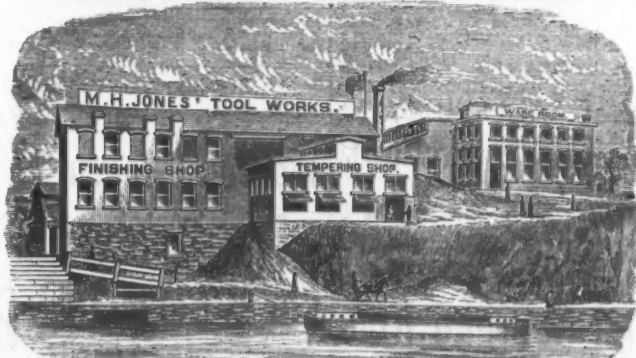
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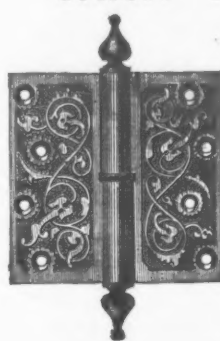
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The Pernot Rotary Puddling and Steel Furnace.

M. J. Petin has made an elaborate report on the workings of the Pernot furnace, previously described in these columns, of which the following is an abstract:

It is stated therein that with this new model, charges of 900 kilogrammes of fine or one ton of ordinary iron are worked with more rapidity than usual, and under the best conditions. In the case of fine iron, the waste has been about 2-7 per cent. in a production of 90 tons. The consumption of fuel is 1100 to 1200 kilogrammes of poor coal, which yields 20 per cent. of ashes by incineration per ton, and the cost of production, as shown by the books of MM. Patin and Gaudet, is less by about 40 fr. than by the old processes in the same establishment. This refers to fine iron. The new furnace has not yet been tried so carefully with ordinary pig, but the trials which have been made seem to indicate only 6 per cent. waste and the consumption of 900 kilogrammes of fuel but further information is promised in a few weeks.

Worked by relays of twelve hours, the production varies greatly with the quality of the iron, but it is double or triple that of the ordinary furnaces. With the pig iron of Pouzin 4½ tons are worked in the twelve hours. An operation lasts two hours, and 940 kilogrammes of iron in bars are produced from 1000 kilogrammes of pig. Seventeen or eighteen balls are obtained from a single furnace, the last ball as hot as the first, and the rolled bars are remarkably clean and exempt from flaws.

M. Petin declares that the Pernot furnace is entirely established in practice, that it is complete in its action, and that it produces with certainty all that is required of a puddling furnace, whether for fine or ordinary iron or puddled steel, of which, however, only five or six charges have yet been made with it, but with as much ease as iron. M. Pernot has applied his rotary furnace to the fusion of steel by adopting gas generators and the Siemens regenerators, and the success has been so great that the report states that rotation, by giving better heating and more rapid decarburization, so modifies the conditions that the new mode has no analogy with the ancient methods; and with the same generators as are used with a Martin-Siemens furnace, produces in a given time twice the amount of steel, with corresponding reduction in labor and general expenses.

These results would alone assure the success of the furnace, but it has the still further advantage that what was quite impossible with other furnaces is easy with this. Thus, gray pig has been treated directly without the addition of either iron or steel, and transformed, and then being recarbonized by spiegelisen, on the Bessemer process, perfectly malleable steel has been run off, which made excellent rails; the analogy of the reactions with those of the Bessemer process is described as very great. Finally, steel rails have been melted perfectly without the addition of pig iron, but the operation takes from seven to eight hours.

The furnace bottom, or sole, is rotative and heated by the Siemens process; it is formed of silicious sand, beaten and baked. As soon as the furnace is heated it is charged with the total quantity of pig iron required, which is laid uniformly on the sole, as it turns round and presents each part facing the working door. When the pigs are raised to a high temperature the old rails are introduced in the same manner, no matter of what size, to 1 metre or 1200 metres. As the sole revolves in an inclined position, the heat penetrates regularly through the whole mass, and each piece of rail passes successively through the bath of iron, which now begins to fill the lower part of the furnace. This immersion of the old rails causes them to melt without passing through the condition of burnt metal, which happens with a furnace with a fixed bottom when the charge is too great to be covered by the molten iron.

This mode of charging diminishes the number of men required, and when the furnace is charged they are employed in other work. When charged the door is closed, and the sole continues to revolve at the rate of about two turns per minute, as during the charging. The charge is melted in two hours, and at about the end of the third hour samples are taken out to ascertain the condition of decarburization. When the operation is found to be sufficiently advanced, that is to say, when the metal is a little softer than is desired, a sufficient quantity of spiegelisen is added to bring back the proper hardness, then another sample is drawn, and, if satisfactory, the steel is run off. Nothing remains on the bottom of the furnace, never is a piece of unmelted rail or a piece of metal adhering to it, consequently there is no preparation to be made before recharging, except heating the sole a little. The total time occupied by a charge, including preparation, is from three and a half to four hours, the charges are from 4 to 4½ tons, and 19 tons have been produced in twenty-four hours, with four charges and a half, and 21 tons with five charges; with men well practised more might easily be done, and the Siemens-Martin furnace, says M. Petin, produces at most 10 tons in two heats in twenty-four hours.

The advantages of the Pernot furnace are summed up as—(1) producing twice the amount of the Martin-Siemens' furnace; (2) diminution to the same extent in the cost of labor, fuel, and in general expenses; (3) cost of production, on the average of three weeks' work of all kinds, 233 fr. 87c., whereas it is 264 fr. 26c., with the Martin-Siemens' furnace; (4) the repairs of all parts of the furnace are easy and rapid. The furnace, with the pivot on which it revolves, is fixed on a carriage with four wheels, on rails, and being run back the whole of the upper part of the furnace, is wide open, and in five or six hours becomes cool enough for any repairs to be made; the most complete repairs can be executed in ten hours; and al-

lowing ten hours for reheating, the most important repairs only cause a loss of about twenty-six hours. In addition to the figures given above, the report contains tables of all the items of cost of working with the Pernot furnace as compared with the old system in use at the works of St. Chamond. The results are as follows: Puddlage of fine iron, 246 fr. 74c. per ton, against 296 fr. 90c.; ordinary iron, 178 fr. 44c., against 195 fr. 22c.

Recurring to the treatment of pig iron alone for the production of steel in this furnace, a new order of facts presents itself. The cost of a furnace may be set down at 35,000 fr. to 40,000 fr.; three furnaces, producing 15 to 20 tons each in twenty-four hours, would replace two Bessemer converters; that is to say, a capital of 120,000 fr. would produce as much as one three times as great, and give products at a price equal to Bessemer first fusion. And a further economy may possibly be effected by directing the iron from a blast furnace on the rotative sole; moreover, this process applies to small as well as large operations. A small establishment would have its one furnace, a large establishment several; the cost of keeping in order great machines like the Bessemer converters would be entirely escaped.

This process, says M. Petin, has been tried for three months without a failure, and anybody, therefore, may safely adopt it. (1) Its installation is cheap in relation to its powers of production; (2) it does not require officially trained men; (3) the machinery is easily kept in order; (4) the cost of production is very moderate, although it cannot yet be precisely stated; (5) the operator has always full command over the operation, and can modify it in one direction or the other up to the moment of the running, an incontestable advantage over the Bessemer process; (6) the steel is perfectly homogeneous, as the stirring caused by the rotation of the sole of the furnace is much more complete than in the Martin process.

From another source we have an account of experiments made with Belgian pig iron. White, strong iron from the blast furnaces of Ougree, gave about 5 per cent. of waste, and consumed 70 lb. of coal per 100 lb. of iron puddled; 5 1-10 tons were obtained in twelve hours. The mixture of two-thirds spiegel and one-third of the white pig, mentioned above, gave excellent results; the waste did not exceed 3 per cent. Pure spiegel pig produced a beautiful metal, completely equivalent to steel. Finally, the pig iron used by the Cockerill Society for rail heads was tried at St. Chamond not many days since, in presence of the directors of the rolling mills of the society. In twenty-seven hours' work, 9387 k. of iron were produced from 10,000 k. of pig, with a consumption of 229 k. of coal per 1000 k. of iron produced. The raw iron presented on fracture a fine and close grain, brilliant, well purified and in every way suited for rail heads.

Two establishments at Charleroi are said to have arranged terms with M. Pernot for the adoption of this furnace, and the Ougree iron works have decided on its adoption.

Sheet Iron Gas Pipes and their Power of Resistance.

The Paris Gas Company have lately laid down a main one metre in diameter and one kilometre in length from St. Maude to the Place du Trone. Hitherto sheet iron pipes covered with bitumen have not been applied to mains of that dimension, and it was important to ascertain how such pipes of a moderate thickness would answer beneath the public roads, where they would be subjected to the permanent and accidental pressure tending constantly to produce deformity.

The company had already adopted sheet iron pipes of 70 centimetres diameter without any important deformity being produced, and it was only necessary to submit the metre pipes to similar pressure to ascertain what effect it would produce, all theoretical calculation being deemed untrustworthy. A comparative trial was therefore made with the aid of an apparatus planned for the special purpose. A pipe of 70 centimetres diameter of the ordinary thickness of four millimetres, and a pipe of one metre and five millimetres thick were laid in the ground in the mode adopted for the mains in Paris, the trenches having been dug in such a way that there was a space of a quarter of a metre between each side of the tube and that of the trench, and that the filling in above each pipe should be one metre in depth. The pipes in ordinary use are four metres in length, but in order to spread the weight over a larger surface, pipes six metres long were adopted for the experiment, and one end of each was left open to allow of access to the interior.

The trial was made by placing on the soil above the pipes pigs of lead from four up to twenty tons weight, which were supported on a platform composed of timber, and having a surface of eight square metres. This platform was laid upon two pieces of timber, each 50 centimetres long and 25 centimetres wide, and placed one metre 80 centimetres apart, which represented the ties of the two wheels of one of the axles of a locomotive of forty tons. The apparatus for the indication of the deformities produced consisted of a circular disc of sheet iron with nine radial rods, each supported by two small guides screwed to the disc and provided with a spiral spring which kept its outer end pressed against the inner surface of the pipe. The guides of the rods were each provided with a set screw to hold the latter in place while the apparatus was being placed in the pipe. The only object of the rods at the lower part of the disc was to maintain the center of the latter in the axis of the pipe, and when the apparatus was in place both the guides of these lower rods were screwed firmly to the disc. Thus any alteration in the vertical diameter was measured from the center. In

the center of the disc was an opening 20 centimetres in diameter, fitted with a piece of iron covered with leather, which carried a circular piece of paper. Each iron rod on the upper part of the disc was fitted with a pointer held in a small tube by a spring and provided with a copper button. When the apparatus was in its place a finger was pressed on each button, and the position indicated by pricking through the paper, the leather behind preventing the point of the needle being turned. When a load was laid on the platform above the position of the pointers was again pricked through the paper, and the difference between the two marks showed the amount of deformity produced. The results obtained were then transferred to a diagram of the same section as the pipe itself.

By comparison of the diagrams obtained, it was found that with a load of twenty tons pressing on the pipes for 130 hours that the one metre pipe had given way vertically to the extent of 0.0285 metre, or 2.85 per cent., and the smaller pipe 0.031 metre, or 4.30 per cent. The conclusion was that a pipe one metre in diameter and five millimetres thick offered greater resistance than a pipe 70 centimetres in diameter and four millimetres in thickness, which had already proved itself satisfactory in practice. It was found by further experiments that when a pipe had once been deformed by a heavy load, it only recovered itself to the extent of a few millimetres when the load was removed. After these experiments a main one metre in diameter was laid from the gas works at Saint Maude to the Place du Trone, and as the joints were made they were tried with compressed air under a pressure of 70 millimetres of the mercury manometer, the pipes themselves having been previously tested under a pressure of five atmospheres. These trials revealed a few defects which were easily repaired. Since that time the main in question has been in use constantly, without exhibiting anything contrary to the results of the experiments above recounted.

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"The ore is found in a solid body from the bottom of the soil down. In fact the zinc rocks project above the earth in many places. It may be possible that the half of the farm is underlaid with this valuable mineral, but the fact that thousands of tons lie there, with a very light covering of soil on top, has already been demonstrated. Mr. Renner has prospected in different places on the side of the hill, and in every instance has found a body of fine zinc ore, from the place he began to the place he ceased work, a space of one hundred rods in length and some thirty feet in width. The bottom of the ore has not been reached, nor is it likely to be found short of an immense depth, if present discoveries indicate anything. The slope of the rock is about fifty-three degrees, and is very regular, having a decided appearance of first formation. On the surface of some fifty acres of the farm are to be found pieces of this ore fully as rich in quality as that taken from the shafts sunk.

"This valuable mineral was discovered on Mr. Kinch's farm by Mr. Renner, about the 20th of August last, since when every day has given the proprietor more assurance of independent wealth as a result of the first prospecting. Mr. Kinch has not had a close analysis of the ore made yet, but from tests already made it is supposed that an average yield of the ore will be about fifty per cent. A small proportion of lead is found among the zinc, but not enough to justify separation. We are told that bodies of lead ore are also found underneath zinc, and it may prove to be the case in this instance.

"Experienced men say that there is a body of zinc somewhere in Sinking Valley, and present indications are largely in favor of Mr. Kinch's farm being at least a portion of said bed. The farm purchased by the zinc company, on the opposite side of the ravine from Mr. Kinch's farm, has been thoroughly worked. On this farm it appears that the zinc was found in loose rocks, supposed now to have been thrown from Mr. Kinch's place across by an eruption of the earth in that vicinity at one time."

After all the fuss about the Society of Arts prizes and the formal competition among the manufacturers and inventors of economical heating arrangements at South Kensington, a few months ago, it appears there is to be no award, as the judges have not considered any exhibit sufficiently original and perfect to merit. It is true the exhibits, generally considered, were not distinguished for novelty in principle, but here and there were some excellent articles deserving of commendation, and therefore we think a prize should have been awarded. Two winters have been allowed to slip by while all this red tape and nonsense has been keeping the anxious competitors in suspense, and the public on the very tip-toe of curiosity, so we think the committee or council, or whatever the judges may be termed, ought at least to publish some kind of a report, even if only as an apology or explanation. As matters stand at present, the competitors must feel perfectly disgusted, and the public as if they had been hoaxed.



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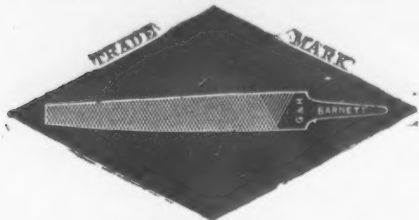
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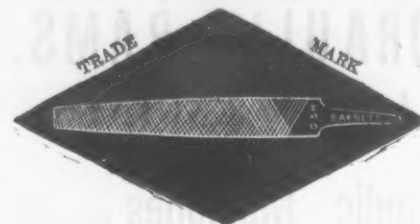
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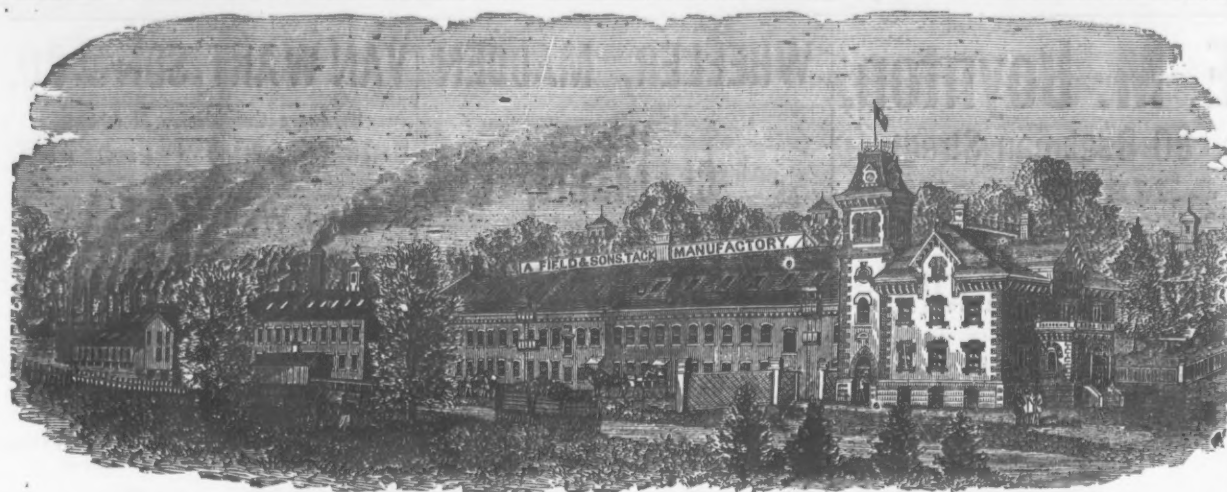
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The blast furnace at Fort Edward was lately blown out for repairs, the first time in two years. The works turn out about 10,000 tons of pig iron per year.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Messrs. Morris, Tasker & Co., of Philadelphia, it is stated, have purchased the Rogers farm, near New Castle, Delaware, to establish a new locomotive works, or transplant the Baldwin works from Philadelphia.

The Bethlehem Iron Company has leased the iron furnace recently built at Freemansburg, and known as the Northampton Iron Works.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company, at Baldwin, have just relined their two converters, after a run of 6276 heats on the old lining, having made the entire product of the last eleven months without relining. This extraordinary result is partly due to the possession by the company of a fine deposit of refractory stone near their works, commonly known as ganister, and partly to superior skill in manipulating the stone and its mixtures.

After a cessation of more than a year the fires in the old "Rough and Ready Mill," Danville, more recently known as the National Iron Works, were lighted up on Tuesday morning, under the management of the Hancock Steel and Iron Company.

There is no lack of work at the Keystone Bridge Company's establishment, which is running full handed, with more orders than they ever had before. They are now engaged on a large fine span bridge for Trenton, N. J.

A most extraordinary day's work has been done in the rail mill of the Pennsylvania Iron Works, Danville, Montour county. There were heated, rolled, sawed, hot-piled, straightened and punched and in all particulars made ready for use, one hundred and fifty-six tons of rails, a feat that has never before been accomplished inside of twelve hours, through one set of rolls and the usual force of men.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Hopewell Furnace, Chester county, is about suspending operations.

The Huntingdon Car Works have received an order for fifty new cars that are to be built immediately.

The rolling mill of Messrs. Light & Bro., at Lebanon, is making sheet iron on an average of 100 tons per week.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Mount Hope Iron Works have just completed at Somerset a spacious building, which is to be used as a machine shop. It is within the circuit where it is intended to erect the new iron works, the boilers for which have already been constructed at Fall River.

The foundry of the American Tool Company, at Hyde Park, is running every other day.

Business at the works of the Fitchburg Machine Company is quite brisk, the company having received numerous orders of late for their fine machinery. Quite a large contract from Glasgow, Scotland, is among the lot.

OHIO.

A fair business is being done at the Forest City Spring Works, Cleveland, where seven litters are now employed. From January to August 1 the company made and sold a larger amount of goods by \$8000 than they did the whole of last year. They contemplate adding seat springs to their list of manufactures, and are making arrangements with that object in view. They also deal largely in carriage goods and saddlery hardware.

Messrs. W. B. Pollock & Co., of Youngstown, have been awarded the contract for the iron work on the addition to the infirmary in Trumbull county. They receive \$2550 for their work.

The Car and Car Wheel Works of John Gill, Columbus, stopped work entirely about three weeks since and are now idle, with the exception of making repairs to buildings and machinery.

Two very large furnaces are being built between Bedford and Newburg, by an English firm. These furnaces, it is reported, will be among the largest in the United States.

The Columbus Rolling Mill rolled 124 tons of reheated iron on Monday, Oct. 19, the largest roll of reheated iron ever made in this country. There were seven furnaces and one squeezer used.

WEST VIRGINIA.

They are putting in new muck rolls at the La Belle Mill, Wheeling.

The Hinge Factory at Wheeling are filling an order for parties in Troy, N. Y., of 200,000 curry comb backs.

CALIFORNIA.

The Kimball Manufacturing Company, of San Francisco, is building six passenger coaches for the North Pacific Coast narrow gauge road. The bodies of these cars are 35 feet long and 7½ feet wide.

The Coal Measures of the United States.

The following useful summary of the coal measures of the United States has been made by Professor C. H. Hitchcock, for his forthcoming Geological Atlas of the United States. It must be stated, however, that the summary includes only those coals belonging to the carboniferous systems:

1. *New England Basin.*—This basin lies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and is estimated to cover 750 square miles. The coal is plumbaginous anthracite, used to advantage in some smelting furnaces. Perhaps eleven beds may exist; best seen in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. The maximum thickness is 23 feet. The whole carboniferous system is supposed to be 6500 feet thick, of which 2500 pertain exclusively to the coal measures.

2. *Anthracite Basins in Pennsylvania.*—This is the most important coal district in the United States. There are four basins, having an area of 410 square miles, not including the Broad Top semi-anthracite, which amounts to 24 more. The measures are from 2000 to 3000 feet thick. The number of distinct beds varies from two to twenty-five, according to the depth of the basin. The maximum amount near Pottsville is given at 207 feet, while the average cannot be far from 70 feet (H. D. Rogers). Macfarlane estimates the area of the anthracite fields in Pennsylvania at 473 square miles, which is 62 square miles more than Rogers's estimate.

3. *Appalachian Coal Field.*—This field embraces an area of 63,025 square miles, extending from Pennsylvania to Alabama.

In Pennsylvania the aggregate thickness of the measure is from 835 to 2535 feet. The area of the bituminous coal is 12,222 square miles, with an average thickness of 40 feet of coal. (H. D. Rogers).

In Maryland the area is 550 square miles, in three separate basins. The strata are 1500 feet thick. There are thirty-two beds in all; one of 14 feet thick, three of 6 feet each, others from 1 to 5 feet thick. (P. T. Tyson).

In Virginia (chiefly West Virginia) the coal area embraces 16,000 square miles. On the Kanawha the strata are 1250 feet thick, with twenty-four beds of coal, of which eleven have an aggregate of 51 feet thickness. The coals seem best developed on this river. (T. S. Ridgway).

In Ohio, Dr. J. S. Newberry states the area to be more than 10,000 square miles, with a thickness of 1500 feet, and ten workable beds of coal, corresponding in number and thickness to those of Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

In Eastern Kentucky the area has been stated to be 10,000 square miles. Macfarlane puts it at 8983 square miles, said to have been derived from actual measurement.

In Tennessee, Professor J. M. Safford states the area of the measures to be 5100 square miles. One characteristic section gives a thickness of 14 feet. The beds vary locally in their dimensions, some of them being 9 feet thick, but thinning out very rapidly.

In Georgia the area may be represented by 170 square miles.

In Alabama the area marked upon the map amounts to about 9000 square miles.

4. *Michigan Basin.*—This basin has an area of 6700 square miles, with 123 feet of measures and 11 feet (maximum) of coal. In the center the coal is thickest, thinning out to nearly the thickness of paper around the edges. (A. Winchell).

5. *Illinois Basin.*—This basin, including Indiana and Western Kentucky, covers an area of 47,188 square miles.

In Illinois the measures occupy 36,800 square miles, are 600 feet thick, and contain ten beds of coal, with an aggregate thickness of 35 feet. (A. H. Worten).

In Indiana the measures occupy an area of 6500 square miles, are 650 feet thick, and contain thirteen beds of coal, with an aggregate thickness of 31 feet. (E. T. Cox).

In Western Kentucky the measures are 612 feet, including the millstone grit, and carry eleven beds of coal (E. T. Cox). Their area in Western Kentucky is 3888 square miles. (S. S. Lyon).

6. *Missouri Basin.*—This basin extends from Iowa to Texas. Estimating from Hayden's map, the coal area of Nebraska at 3000 square miles, the total area of this great basin must be some 97,200 square miles.

In Iowa, Professor White's map shows an area of 18,000 square miles, which is divided into three parts, each about 200 feet thick. The two lower divisions contain the workable coal, which amounts to 8 feet in the second, but to only 20 inches in the upper. As the highest division is everywhere underlain by the others, the whole area must be regarded as workable.

In Missouri, Professor G. C. Swallow estimates the coal area at 27,000 square miles, and in Kansas at 17,000 square miles. The measures are 2000 feet thick, with twenty coal beds, from a few inches to 6 feet thick.

In Arkansas there seem to be only two beds of coal, which lie below the coal measures proper beneath the conglomerate. (Lesqueriaux.) D. D. Owen speaks of some beds from 4 to 5 feet thick, and estimates the area occupied by productive beds at 12,000 square miles.

In the Indian Territory little is known of coal. The officers of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company find good banks of coal at several places along their line, several feet thick. The area upon the map amounts to as much as 13,600 square miles. Since the completion of the map it has been ascertained that the coal measures are covered by the cretaceous formation for a width of about thirty miles along the valley of the Red River in Texas and the Indian Territory; and also that the tertiary area, extending southerly from Preston, is probably of carboniferous age. These discoveries will enlarge rather than diminish the size of the Missouri basin, since the two fields are probably connected beneath the cretaceous beds.

In Texas, according to A. R. Roessler, in the "Almanac," the coal measures occupy 6000 square miles. A bed of coal has been reported near Fort Belknap as 4 feet thick.

7. *Territories.*—In Arizona, near Camp Apache, Mr. G. K. Gilbert, of the expedition under the immediate direction of Lieut. G. M. Wheeler, reports a bed of coal belonging to the true carboniferous series. It is probable that future explorations may develop other coal bearing areas in the Territories.

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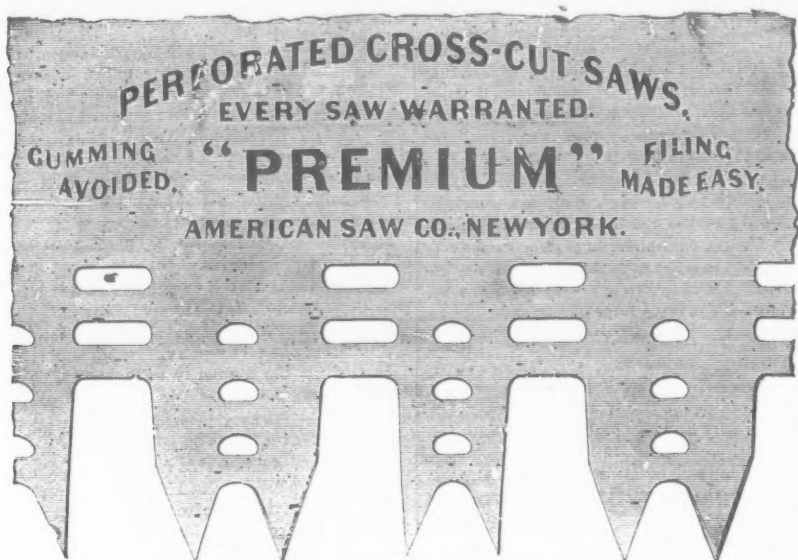
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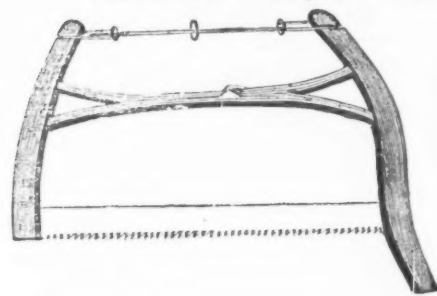
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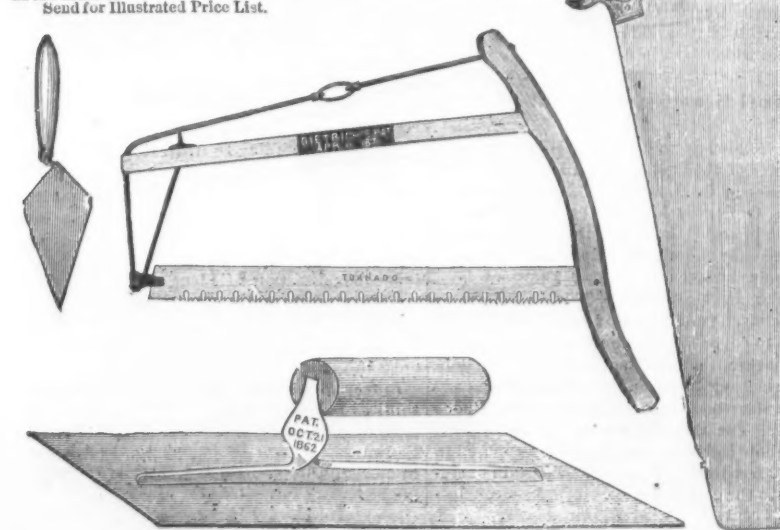
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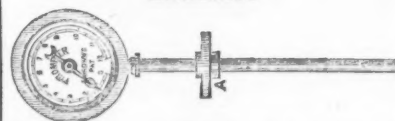
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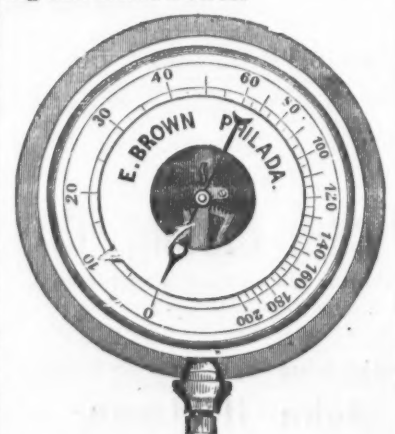
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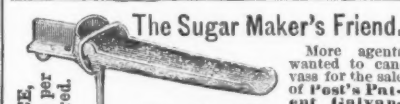


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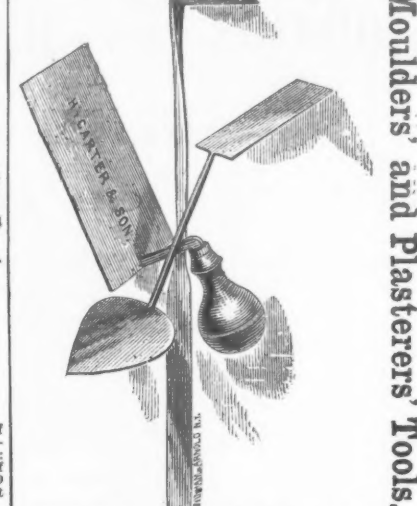
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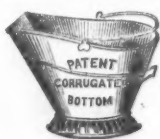
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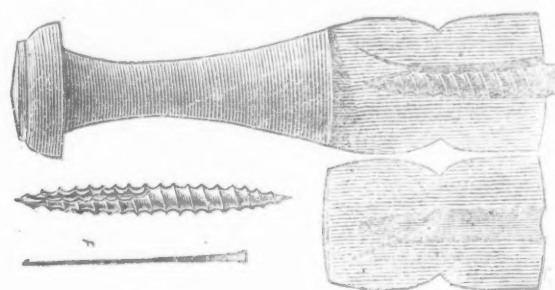
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Those of your readers who may have visited the present exhibition of the Franklin Institute, and they are numerous without doubt, will fully appreciate my frequent reference to it in these letters. Not only does it form an especially interesting feature in our city life, but the visitor returns again and again to examine some unseen article, or to further study the wonderful exhibition of machinery in operation. Extended as your space is, I could occupy every page in your issue with descriptions of articles strictly confined to the iron and metal trades, here on exhibition, and yet not include all shown. So little has been said of the actualities of the show, that I cannot do better than devote a large part of my space to it. Perhaps there is nothing more interesting in the exhibition than the display of steel and steel tools. The Midvale Steel Works has an especially fine display of various steels, crucible and Siemens-Martin, as well as tires, cast steel railway frogs and bar sections in quantity. Some of the fractures of crucible steels shown by them fully equal in grain any foreign samples I have ever examined. Numerous pieces of test bars are also shown with breaking strains, and figures of tensile strength far ahead of those laid down in the test books. A good evidence of the toughness and strength of the Martin steel is here shown in a full sized rail of probably 60 lbs. to the yard, twisted from end to end in a complete spiral without seam or crack. Several other exhibitors of steel make equally fine displays, and one could spend a long time examining their samples with profit. As usual, ahead of competitors, the Diston's have exhibited the most magnificent collection of saws and other products of their works possible. These are arranged in a large case, some eight or ten feet square, all

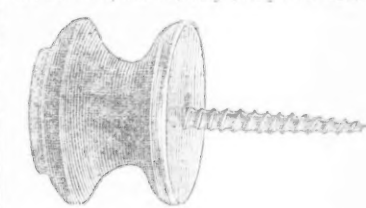
the first three years of the manufacture of this plate 15,679 rolls were sold, aggregating 559 miles, or 3,109,920 feet, weighing 1373 tons, and covering the roofs of 2500 buildings. This firm has been among the staunchest supporters of the American steamship line, and deserves all its success. But the Institute Exhibition has run away with my "best spelling" pen, and I must give a little room to local gossip. Indications show that there is a strong probability of a tariff fight next season, and the manufacturers are stripping for the struggle. The first shot on the skirmish line is heard from Mr. Josiah Hunt, in an able letter addressed to the workmen of Pennsylvania; the usual arguments are here very forcibly put, and carry with them the additional force that this winter a defeat means starvation to the laborer. The peculiar supineness as to Reciprocity, as proposed in the Canadian Treaty, has been broken at last by the request of numerous manufacturers to the Hon. Wm. D. Kelley to deliver an address on the subject on the 28th inst., at the Academy of Music, which he will do. On Judge Kelley and Senator Scott hang the fate of the battle next winter, and when they are needed the manufacturers suddenly evince great appreciation for them; as soon forgetting them when the enemy is routed. Both are comparatively poor men, and both have put hundreds of millions of dollars into the pockets of American manufacturers. The least that could be done as a recognition of their services would be a very liberal pension on their retirement from office. The Board of Trade helped to blow the firebrand of discord at the last meeting by recommending a revision of the Tariff. The idea is simply the outgrowth of a pet scheme of a leading manufacturer, and will produce evil results, for once revision begins reduction soon follows. The greatest safeguard against reduction at the next session is, however, that the anti tariff men are so hopelessly muddled on the currency and specie question that it will take them until July next to define their position, which is just what is wanted by the people.

Patent Self-Attaching Articles.

The following illustrations represent the patent self-attaching knobs and closet pins, manufactured by the Thurston Knob Screw Co., of Boston. The screw, as will be seen in the il-



lustration, has globular points at both ends, and is fitted at one end to admit of a key, which is a fast. They are made of black walnut, well finished, and are very easily attached. The



screws are well pointed, and will pass into plastered walls easier than a gimlet. The list and discounts for these goods will be found in Trade Report on our 17th page.

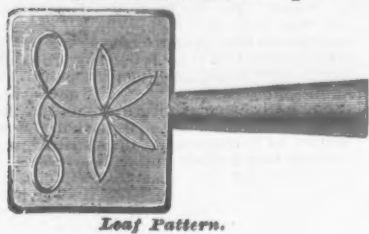
Engineering Two Thousand Years Ago.

Perhaps some of the most remarkable remains of ancient engineering are those which were discovered by excavations made some ten or twelve years since, a short distance from Rome, and near the ruins of the ancient city of Alatri. This city was surrounded by massive walls, and located on a mountain or elevated point, and all provided with water. About 120 years before Christ, as we learn from a Roman inscription, an immense aqueduct was built to bring water from a neighboring mountain better supplied with that element. We are furthermore told that this aqueduct was 210 feet high, supported upon arches and provided with strong pipes. The topography of the country, moreover, assures us that the water supply could not have been conducted into the city, even over such high supports, except by pipes—an inverted siphon—the lowest point of which must have been some 210 feet below the point of delivery, or under a pressure of at least ten atmospheres.

The excavations already alluded to show that the aqueduct must have been of large size, as the piers of the arches are not less than 5 feet 9 inches in breadth, while the total length of the siphon must have been between four and five miles. The question naturally arises—How, and of what material, was this siphon built? As iron pipes of large dimensions, if of any dimensions at all, were not known at that era, we can look only to man-ory or woodwork for the material of such construction. Possibly a clue has been found to the mode of their construction by a subsequent discovery, near the same locality, of a field, supposed to have been the site of an ancient parade ground near this once walled city of Alatri. A complete system of underground drainage has been revealed at a depth of about 7 feet below the surface of the field, effected by a well constructed system of pipes made of fireclay, each about 18 inches in diameter. It is possible that such a pipe, of larger dimensions, and strengthened on its exterior by a strong and massive bulwark of masonry, may have been the means of conveying the water into the city. But however that end might have been attained, the work was certainly a most wonderful feat of engineering, considering the condition of the mechanic arts of that early day. The excavations and discoveries thus brought to light, and so fully confirming the truth of the ancient inscription, were conducted by order of the present Pope, and under the immediate supervision of the well known Italian scientist, Eusebio Sechi.

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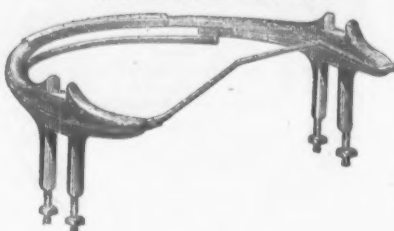
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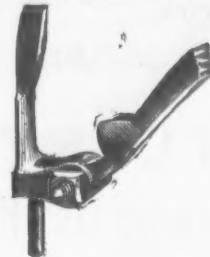


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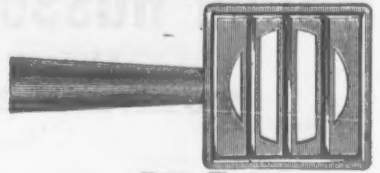
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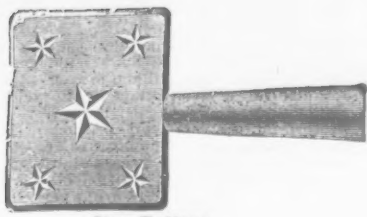
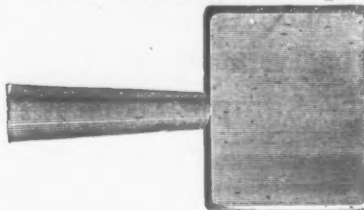


Upper View.



Lower View.

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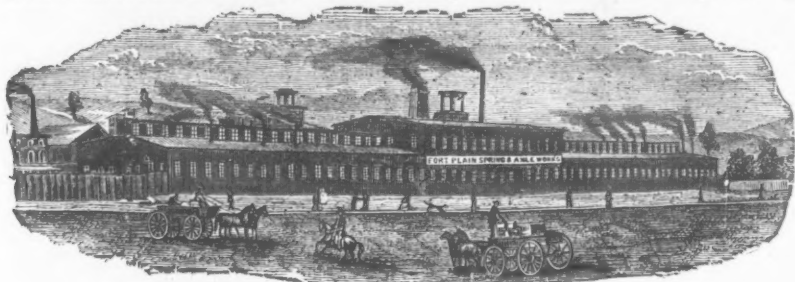
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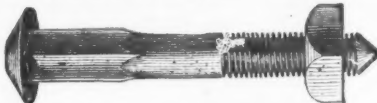
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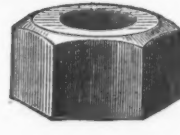
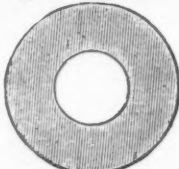
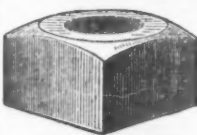
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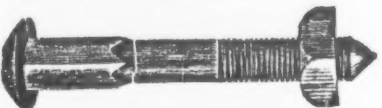


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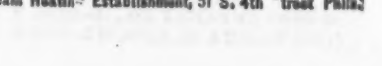
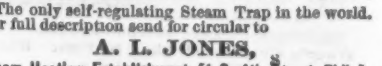
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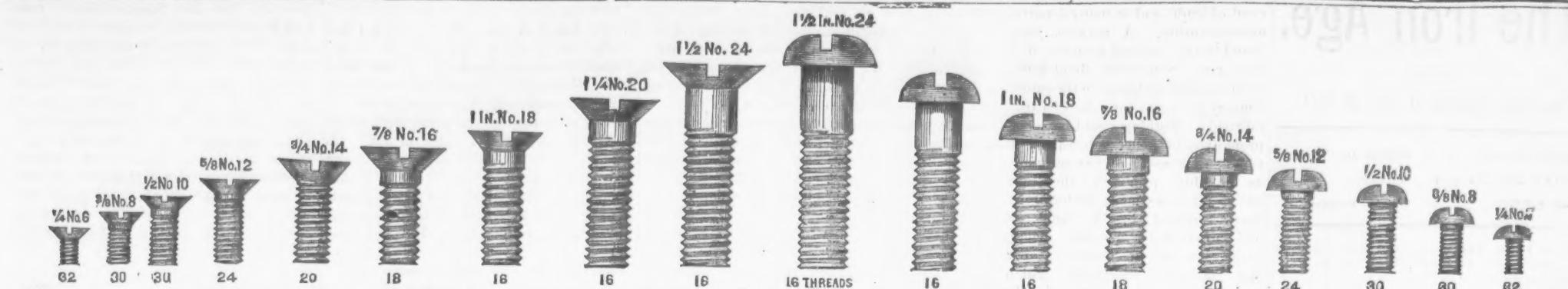
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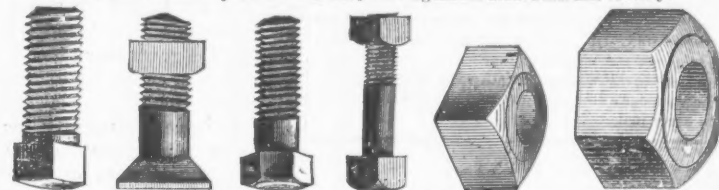
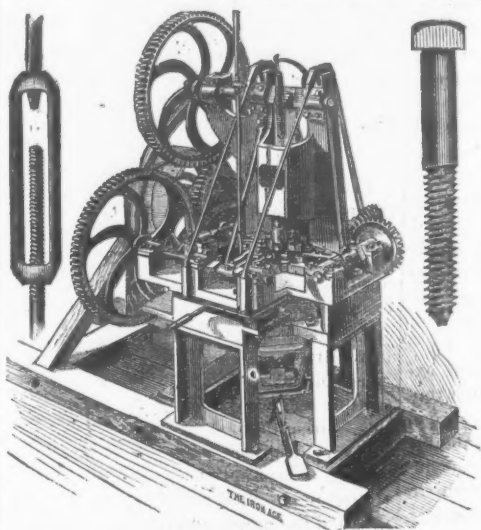
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In What Direction will Capital Next Seek Investment?

The experience of the past twelve months have been well calculated to impress upon the public mind the lessons of the panic of last year, and, in so far as they have accomplished this result, they will have aided in bringing about a prosperity healthier and more permanent than that which was so rudely checked in November last. Had the efforts of the panic been as transient as we all hoped and expected they would be, and had our productive and distributive industries rallied from depression with the elasticity which even the wisest business men confidently believed they would manifest, we should have continued in the same direction to the attainment of the same ends, only to encounter worse misfortune in the future. As a people, we are apt to go to extremes in everything in which we become fairly interested. Public confidence once established in a business or undertaking, capital at once rushes into that business or into similar undertaking and before we know it we have spoiled a good thing by overdoing it.

We find instances of this in every department of trade, and in many departments of manufacturing. A notable instance is found in the railroad progress of the past five years. Since 1870, about \$300,000,000 of the annual additions to the capital of the country has gone into the construction of railroads. Nothing could have been more promotive of general prosperity than as rapid an extension of our railroad system as possible, provided the investment of capital in such undertakings had been regulated by the same prudence and forethought as are usually displayed in private business operations. But in the excitement which followed the completion of the Pacific Railroad and the opening of transcontinental communication, railroad building assumed the form of a vast national speculation. Instead of finishing the work of internal development as we went along, by constructing branch and connecting lines wherever they were needed, and for which a traffic could have been obtained as fast as the iron was laid, the bold spirits of the Colonel Mulberry Sellers' type, who largely assumed control of this new drift of capital, projected vast undertakings in sections which, whatever their probable future importance, had no present need of railroad facilities. Half a dozen "transcontinental" routes were proposed and three or four undertaken; and lines extending far into unsettled districts of "the great west" were more favorably regarded than those making more modest claims, but with better prospects of a paying traffic. Vast tracts of land were granted by Congress in aid of enterprises which should not have been undertaken for years to come, and State legislatures liberally contributed to the construction of lines which never had, and perhaps never will have, any claim upon the public confidence—at least, not until they are built over again by competent engineers with good materials. As the speculation became more and more hazardous, public confidence seemed to grow stronger. Promises to pay impossible interest in gold, free of government tax, etc., were freely made and as freely accepted; every enterprise with bonds on the market was approved by eminent men high in the public regard, who did not hesitate to affirm that there was "millions in it," and thousands exchanged the government bonds which represented their entire fortunes for railroad securities, which to-day have no quotable market value. Presently, public confidence in railroad investments began to weaken, but the work of construction was carried on by the bankers with funds in many instances subject to sight draft, and then came the panic. The consequent heavy defaults of the railroads on their bonds administered the coup de grace to the railroad mania, and it will probably be a long time before we shall again witness a progress in railroad construction so rapid as that which made 1871, 1872 and 1873 conspicuous in our statistical history. Confidence once destroyed, it cannot be easily re-established. For the next few years the addition to our railroad system will, we think, largely consist in additions to uncompleted lines, and necessary links and connections extending through sections which need additional facilities of communication with the great markets of the interior, or the ports of the Atlantic, the great lakes and the Gulf. We hope these needed additions will give us a fair annual mileage of new railroads, but we do not consider it probable that, for the next few years, the annual investments in railroads will be large, as compared with those of the four years past. The question of what will be done with the capital thus withheld from investment in railroads is, therefore, one of much interest and importance.

In the absence of any form of investment affording the elements of an excitement which would tend to draw capital toward it, the probabilities are that it will gradually find its way into a multiplicity of small investments which, in their aggregate, will do quite as much to promote the general prosperity and increase the wealth of the country as was ever expected of railroads. There are a great many promising avenues of investment—as for example the development of coal and iron mines—for which it has been extremely difficult to find capital in this country. While we have been building railroads on a speculative and generally unsound basis, the owners of valuable mineral lands have in many instances had to seek abroad the capital needed for their development. There the opportunities which we neglected have been appreciated, and a great deal of English capital has been invested in American iron and coal properties, which will be allowed to remain unproductive until the growing demand for the wealth they contain shall enable the owners to realize a handsome profit. Investments of this class are likely to attract more of native capital during the next few years than heretofore.

We have a vast undeveloped natural wealth exclusive of coal and iron, which also stands a better chance of attracting capital for its development at this time than heretofore. We may also expect to see capital flow more liberally into manufacturing operations which promise a fair interest. The uncertainty which now surrounds the future of tariff legislation may tend to weaken the confidence of prudent capitalists in the profits of manufacturing, for without at least enough protection to place American manufacturers on a footing of equality in our own markets with those of foreign countries, our manufacturing industries would suffer heavily. With this assured, however, prudent investors, especially those with limited capital who wish to employ their money in enterprises to which they can give their time and personal attention, will be likely to prefer manufacturing to any other business. The loose responsibilities of corporate management have, we think, created a decided preference for private investments on the part of those who have nothing to risk which they can afford to lose, and who also desire profitable employment for their time. We believe that the next few years will bring us more than average general prosperity, and the diversion of capital in many classes of investments hitherto overshadowed by the great speculation in railroads, will deepen and broaden the foundations on which that prosperity will rest. Should these expectations be realized, what our iron industries lose by the falling off of the demand on account of railroad construction, will be more than made up by a more liberal consumption on account of renewals and repairs, and in many other ways which cannot be indicated in an article which has already far exceeded the limits we had prescribed for it.

The Statistical Position of Tin in Europe.

The uncertainties which surround the future course of tin in the European markets gives interest to an inquiry into the causes which have brought about the serious decline in the value of that metal. An examination of the tables given below will show that the rapid increase of production in Australia is without doubt the principal cause of the depreciation, and that with a further augmentation of the supply from this source, there is but little chance for a recovery in prices, unless it be that an increased consumption in Europe and the United States shall restore the equilibrium between the supply and demand. The following table shows, for a series of years,

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF TIN IN EUROPE:					
	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
Dec. 31.	Dec. 31.	Dec. 31.	Dec. 31.	Dec. 31.	Dec. 31.
London stock	1,900	912	1,300	956	2,038
Dutch stock	4,082	4,702	2,106	3,474	5,063
Afloat from countries other than Australia	2,764	2,025	2,064	2,865	1,239
Afloat from Australia	—	—	—	—	1,061
8,746	7,639	5,470	7,295	9,401	
Straits tin	£110	£133	£145	£138	£121

From this it appears that the stock in London was heavier at the beginning of October than it has ever been before, while the available supply in Holland is 500 tons less than it was a year ago. As to quantities afloat, it appears that from countries other than Australia they are considerably less than the average. The Australian production accounts for the condition of affairs now prevailing, and while the supply continues in excess of the requirements of the markets no permanent improvement in prices can be looked for.

During the nine months of the current year ended with September, there were imported into London 5067 tons of Australian tin or its equivalent in ore, against 2473 tons last year, and 151 tons in 1872. To the total for the current year up to October 1st, must be added the amount sent from Australia to the Continent, which amounted to 4000 tons for the six months ended with June; and latest advices from Australia report no abatement in either the production or shipments of tin. During the month of September alone London received 603 tons from that source, against 113 for the same month of 1873, and 13 for the same month of 1872.

With these facts before us it is, we think, safe to conclude that the course of prices in tin will be in consumers' favor for some time to come. One of the best statisticians of the London market, in a private letter under date of Oct. 7th, says: "This 'metal-will, I think, go lower here as long as we can see Australia sending liberal supplies, and as long as we have favorable prospects of an increase in

"Straits production, both of which are 'now apparent. There is this, however, 'to be borne in mind—the deliveries are 'large, and a check to production in any 'quarter resulting from low prices would 'be at once felt." To this we would add that the continued depression in the tin plate market has also a great deal to do with the present low range of tin. A change in this respect may be brought about before long in Europe, if not in this country, for the whole world is now dependent upon Great Britain for supplies of tin plates, and production in England and Wales has been seriously checked by the prolonged strikes of the past summer.

Of the general metal markets of Europe we may say that, should nothing of an unexpected nature occur to prevent it, the recovery already begun will probably develop into an unusual activity early in 1875, and tin may show the general improvement in proportion to the effect of an increased consumption in overcoming the depressing influence of an overstocking of the market. Should solid capitalists on the other side consider the metal unduly depressed and find in it a good opportunity for temporary investment, it would soon recover a healthy tone, though the competition between Australia and Straits will place a check upon speculative advances in prices for a considerable time to come, if not permanently.

The Foreign Commerce of the Port of New York.

The following tables show the imports and exports of merchandise and specie at this port for the nine months ended with September, as compared with those for the same period of the two preceding years:

	1872.	1873.	1874.
Imports.			
Ent. for con.	\$159,292,057	\$143,353,313	\$138,116,499
Do. for wareh'g	147,089,463	10,371,264	89,983,542
Free goods	37,988,958	67,960,217	83,056,936
Specie & bullion	5,902,483	8,901,492	5,037,889
Exports.			
Copper and ore	\$1,026,048	\$1,317,055	\$136,391
Cutlery	2,051,179	1,931,227	1,360,960
Hardware	444,325	247,104	294,057
Iron, bar	3,738,846	1,345,026	613,279
Iron, pig	2,550,983	2,080,343	179,394
Iron, R. R. bars	8,871,707	7,384,318	4,877,329
Iron, sheet	259,854	389,037	186,669
Lead	1,349,351	1,340,733	1,056,319
Spelter	413,731	267,544	99,010
Steel	2,097,055	2,069,530	889,392
Tin, slab	1,576,581	1,335,822	1,990,935
Tin, plate	7,351,094	7,849,728	6,405,387
Zinc	436,475	224,632	197,498

These comparisons are interesting and require no comment, as the conditions affecting the state of trade which have produced the fluctuations shown are well understood by those who have followed our weekly market reports and editorial discussions. Our exports for the nine months are shown as follows:

	1872.	1873.	1874.
Dom. produce	\$159,102,659	\$206,756,640	\$209,263,000
For free goods	1,147,943	1,618,117	1,622,651
For dutiable	7,418,010	6,577,128	5,275,906
Specie & bull'n	38,382,370	41,549,101	42,661,234
Total exports	\$235,650,382	\$255,811,026	\$258,822,791
Exclusive of specie	166,668,012	215,251,935	216,161,560

From this it appears that the expectations of a large increase in our exports which were entertained twelve months ago, have not been realized, as the increase in 1874 is less than one million dollars over the total for the corresponding period of 1873. New York now receives about 66 per cent of the total imports into the United States and ships about 46 per cent of the total exports, exclusive of specie. The statistics of our foreign trade movements, therefore, give a very fair indication of the foreign commerce of the whole country.

American Exhibits at the Centennial.

Whether the Centennial is to be a success or not, is a question already answered—so far as its features as an exposition of American arts and industries are concerned. The applications from intending American exhibitors already call for appropriations of space far in excess of that set aside by the commissioners for American exhibits in the main exhibition building. The entire space in that structure for purposes of exhibition, after providing for aisles and passage ways, is about three hundred and fifty thousand square feet. Of this total, one hundred and two thousand nine hundred were deemed sufficient for American exhibits, but applications are already on file which call for very nearly one hundred and fifty thousand square feet. We have these facts from the office of the commissioners in Philadelphia. Of course, all this space will not be granted. Many of the applications are for space far in excess of the actual requirements of the intending exhibitors, who will have to content themselves with a less liberal display. It is not the intention of the commissioners to make the exhibition a great advertising bazar for any and everybody who may want to enter goods for exhibition. Whatever is shown must possess interest or merit, and exhibitors cannot be permitted, as in some industrial exhibitions we have visited, to transfer half their stock in trade to the

space allotted them. It is not probable, however, that the commissioners, even with the most careful revision of applications, will be able to accommodate all the goods which will seek admission, unless they make important additions to the buildings now in course of erection; and we would again urge upon intending exhibitors the importance of making early applications for space. Those who postpone action under the idea that there is yet ample time, will have only themselves to blame if they are finally compelled to content themselves with inferior accommodations—possibly in buildings other than that which will contain the most attractive features of the exhibition.

Mr. Hewitt as a "Revenue Reformer."

We print in another column an extract from a speech made by Mr. Abraham S. Hewitt in this city on Thursday evening, which is interesting to our readers as defining very clearly his views on the subject of the tariff. Mr. Hewitt's position at this time is, to some extent, one of peculiar embarrassment. As a candidate for Congress on the nomination of a party which has generally made the mistake of committing itself to free trade declarations, and as a citizen of New York, where the importing interest exercises a powerful and permanent influence in shaping public opinion, he is naturally expected by the electors of his district to declare himself a free trader. But Mr. Hewitt is far too honest for any such demagoguery. He is not a free trader, and probably never will be one—at least, so long as it costs more to produce an article in this country than in Europe with the same labor. We believe that what Mr. Hewitt has said expresses his convictions, and while he will not find many iron masters to agree with him, it is probable there are few, if any, who would not feel content to have him represent their interests in Congress. For our own part, we would trust Mr. Hewitt's practice in law making far more completely than we can accept his theory as to revenue legislation. What a man would do under circumstances of his own making, is one thing—what he would do under circumstances such as he would be apt to find himself placed in as a Member of Congress during the next two years, is something very different.

One effect of the present depression of business, and the suspension of work upon our great public undertakings, is seen in the falling off in the number of immigrants arriving at this port. Up to yesterday, only 8281 immigrants had been registered since the beginning of the month, against 15,700 registered during October of last year. The arrivals since January 1st have been only 125,034; a decrease of about 85 per cent, as compared with those for the same period of last year. It is also a noteworthy fact that large numbers of those who are classified on the books of the Immigration Commissioners as unskilled laborers, have made application for return passages, but it is stated that they are mostly of the least valuable kind, and, as the rule, not able to take care of themselves. The influences which increase or retard immigration are of a kind which can only be determined by the effects they produce. What those who have come to America write to those at home, determines the action of a great majority of those who may intend emigrating when a favorable opportunity offers. Liberal wages are always the greatest attraction, and to this, more than to anything else, are we indebted for the vast and valuable additions to our population which have been secured from abroad, until, as we near the centennial anniversary of our political independence, we find ourselves a nation born of strength which other nations have lost. Fortunately for all concerned, there is as little danger of over-crowding the United States as there is of depopulating the countries of Europe whence come our accessions of population. They are benefited by losing their surplus; we are doubly benefited by the increase of population thus gained. A falling off in immigration is always to be regretted, for while its effects may not be felt at once, it means a proportionate limitation of future productive capacity.

A meeting of dealers in iron was called for Tuesday afternoon at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, "to consider what 'simplification in classification of merchandise, and what alterations in mode 'of collection of revenue, shall be asked 'of the government at the next session of 'Congress." Whether those to whom invitations were addressed are satisfied with present classifications and have no favors to ask of the government, we are not informed, but for some reason no one came to the meeting. A second call is to be issued for a meeting at some future day not yet agreed upon, but of which due notice is promised.

A Remarkable Furnace Record.

The following letter, received just in time for insertion in this issue, will be read with interest in connection with an item published on one of the earlier pages:

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23d, 1874.

To The Editor of The Iron Age.—While so much is being said of the remarkable performance of the Lucy Furnace, whose run of 642 tons and a fraction for the week ended October 17th, has been pronounced by some of your contemporaries "the best week's work of any furnace in the world," your readers may be interested in hearing that these figures have been considerably exceeded abroad. The Société Anonyme des Hauts Fourneaux, Esch Sur l'Alzette, Luxembourg, have constantly made during the past 12 months between 700 and 770 tons per week in one stack, 65 feet high by 24 feet bosh, using without fluxes the uncalcined, small, dusty "minette," or calcareous superficial ore, peculiar to the district, yielding only about 33 per cent. metallic iron. The coke is made from the coal of the Charleroi Basin, and contains from 8 to 12 per cent. of ash. The blast is two and a half pounds conveyed to the furnace through four 8 in. nozzles. The temperature of the blast is 1400° Fahr. at the tuyeres, and is raised by the use of hot blast stoves on the Whitwell system. The amount of coke used is 20½ cwt. to the ton of iron. In every case where I have used the word ton I mean 2240 lbs. The bosh of this furnace is certainly wider than that of the Lucy, but they don't have Lake Superior ores. Respectfully,
MODERATOR.

The Iron Resources of the United States.

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Among the varied mineral resources of the United States the ores of iron form a conspicuous feature. All the varieties of ore known are found here, most of them in abundance, and so located with reference to the fact necessary for their manufacture as to make cheap and excellent iron attainable in all important centers of population. In order to show the conditions under which the manufacture of iron is now and will hereafter be carried on in our country, it will be necessary to give some notes on the varieties of ore which we possess, and on their distribution and adaptation to different kinds of manufacture.

MAGNETIC IRON ORE.

The richest of all the ores of iron is the magnetic oxide, which, when pure, contains iron 72.3, oxygen 27.6. It is usually crystalline in character, and may be recognized by its black color and its effects upon the magnet. When free from injurious ingredients, it produces the best of iron, and is already the basis of a large iron industry in this country. It is, however, liable to be contaminated by phosphorus, sulphur and titanium. The phosphorus is usually in the form of apatite (phosphate of lime), and this, when present in considerable quantities, renders iron made from the ore "cold short," that is hard and brittle when cold, and forbids its use for the manufacture of steel.

Sulphur exists in magnetite in the form of sulphide (iron pyrites). The effect of this is to render the iron "red short," or tender and crumbling when heated to red or white heat. This also greatly impairs its value for the manufacture of steel, though by proper treatment it may be almost entirely removed. In this respect sulphur differs from phosphorus, as the latter clings to the iron with a tenacity that it is almost impossible to overcome. Titanium renders iron ore refractory in the furnace, and causes the metal to be excessively hard if combined with it in any considerable quantity.

The magnetic ores of the United States are found only in the metamorphic and crystalline rocks, the great repositories of it existing in Canada, the Adirondacks, and throughout the entire length of the Alleghany belt. They are also found in the Black Hills, and in various parts of the Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevada. The magnetites of Canada occur in the Laurentian rocks, where it is evident that they once formed sedimentary sheets which were deposited nearly horizontally, but are now greatly broken up and sometimes are seen standing nearly on edge and having the aspect of true veins. The value of the Canadian ores is generally much impaired by the sulphur and titanium which they contain. Some of these Canadian ore beds are more than 100 feet in thickness, and of considerable lateral extent; such as the "Big Bed" of Marmora, north of Lake Ontario, and that of the Bay of St. Paul's, described by Sir William Logan.

From several Canadian localities magnetic ore is carried through the Welland Canal to the cities located on the shores of the great lakes, and especially to those of Ohio and Pennsylvania. Transportation to these localities, by vessels returning from the East light, is cheap, and it is probable that hereafter a very important contribution to the iron industry of the West will be made from this source. The principal Canadian ores now brought to the United States are the ore of Marmora, shipped from Coburg, Lake Ontario, and that of North Crosby, on the Rideau Canal. The use of the latter is restricted on account of the quantity of titanium it contains.

The magnetic ores of the Adirondacks are best shown about Port Henry, on Lake Champlain, in a region which is sometimes called the Champlain Iron District. Here the number of important deposits is large; the ore is generally granular in texture, and is often contaminated by phosphate of lime. A portion of it is, however, quite pure, and the quantity used in and shipped from this region is now very great. Some of it is sent even to the Western States, where it is used largely as "fixing" in the puddling furnaces, and also more sparingly in the blast furnaces in combination with other ores, under the impression that it corrects a tendency to "red shortness" and improves the quality of the iron. Its chief place of manu-

facture is in the interval between Lake Champlain and New York.

In Orange county, New Jersey, and in Northern New Jersey, the magnetic ores of the Alleghany belt exhibit unusual development. Here they are found interstratified with gneiss and mica schist, having the bearing of the mountain ranges—nearly northeast and southwest—with a dip of 60° to 70° to the southeast. The number of distinct beds of iron ore in this region is great, and they furnish the chief supply of ore to more than 100 furnaces.

In Sussex county, N. J., a remarkable bed of magnetite is found, which contains large quantities of manganese and zinc, and this forms the mineral known as franklinite. This is the basis of an extensive manufacture of zinc, and when the zinc has been removed from the ore, the residual iron is found to be unusually free from injurious ingredients. It also contains from 10 to 20 per cent. of manganese, and is thus well adapted to the manufacture of spiegeleisen. It is in fact largely used for this purpose, and now supplies to our Bessemer steel works considerable quantities of this indispensable article scarcely inferior in quality to that imported from abroad. We are informed by Mr. A. S. Hewitt that on the western side of this ore belt the magnetite is much more free from phosphorus than on the eastern, and that here a large amount of ore has been found sufficiently free from phosphorus to be well adapted to the manufacture of steel.

In Pennsylvania the belt of magnetic ore is less rich than either north or south, but valuable deposits occur at frequent intervals.

At Cornwall is a peculiar deposit of magnetic ore, which is quite exceptional in character, and of more economic importance than almost any other iron mine in the country. Here the iron ore accompanies the trap rock, which has apparently burst out along the line of junction between the Triassic sandstone and the metamorphic rocks. The ore is soft, and sometimes pulverulent in character, and is often highly impregnated with sulphur and copper; still, nearly 200,000 tons per annum are produced from this mine.

In York county, Pa., another peculiar magnetite is found, which is known as the Codorus ore. This is a mica-schist containing from 30 to 40 per cent. of magnetic oxide of iron, of great purity, and it has become somewhat famous by its use in a peculiar process for the manufacture of what is called silicon steel, which consists simply in the mingling of the pulverized ore with cast iron which contains 3 to 4 per cent. of carbon, and thus by oxidation reducing the percentage of carbon until it reaches the standard of a low steel.

In Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia, magnetic ores exist in great abundance, though up to the present time they have been but sparingly manufactured. One of these beds in Western North Carolina, called the Cranberry Iron Mine, is said to form a remarkably extensive and rich deposit. It is nearly free from sulphur and phosphorus, and is evidently capable of supplying a very large amount of iron of the best quality. So great is the development of the magnetic ores in this region, that it seems almost certain to become one of the most important centers of iron industry.

ANALYSES OF MAGNETIC IRON ORES.

	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
Peroxide of iron.....	88.27	88.27	88.27	88.27	88.27	88.27	88.27	88.27	88.27	88.27	88.27	88.27
Protoxide of iron.....	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73	11.73
Alumina.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Silica.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Manganese.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Phosphoric acid.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sulphur.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

THE HEMATITE ORE.

Hematite, or specular iron, like magnetite, is found only in crystalline rocks. When pure it is composed exclusively of the peroxide of iron, contains 70 per cent. of metallic iron, and hence is found in richness only to magnetite. This is the ore found in the famous mines of Elba, and has been extensively employed for the manufacture of iron in many parts of the world. The deposits of this ore which occur in the United States are second to none in quality and quantity. The most important of these are found in the iron region of Marquette, Michigan, and in that of Central Missouri. The geological age of these districts is apparently the same, viz.: Huronian. On Lake Superior it is now easy to see that the ore beds were once horizontal strata, deposited in conformity with many other stratified sediments, but they are folded and broken in such a way that their true nature was for a long while misunderstood. Like the magnetic ores of the Alleghany belt, they were once considered eruptive, but the progress of modern science has shown that all the so-called Eozoic iron ores are simply metamorphosed strata, once deposited horizontally like the sheets of iron ore

now found in the unchanged Palaeozoic rocks—such as the Clinton ore and the "black-band" and "clay ironstone" of the coal measures.

The deposits of iron near Marquette, Michigan, are irregularly scattered over an area of about one hundred and twenty miles long from east to west—in other words, are coextensive with the Huronian formation. The isolated nature of the deposits is dependent upon the immense surface erosion which this region has suffered. This has removed by far the greatest part of the ore that originally existed here, leaving it only where it formed masses of unusual magnitude and solidity, which have resisted the erosive action, or where, in synclinal troughs, it has been beyond the reach of the glaciers which have ground off all the more elevated portions. We give below a number of analyses of Lake Superior iron ore.

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
Peroxide of iron.....	88.73	88.50	88.70	88.70	88.70	88.70	88.70	88.70
Protoxide of iron.....	11.27	11.50	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30
Alumina.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Silica.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Manganese.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Phosphoric acid.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sulphur.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

1. Jackson Mine.
2. Cleveland Mine.
3. Lake Superior Mine (Specular).
4. Lake Superior Hematite.
5. Lake Angelina (Specular Jasper).
6. New York Mine.
7. Spar Mountain (Magnetite).
8. Washington Mine (Magnetite).

From the above analyses it will be seen that the iron ores of Lake Superior vary considerably in richness; they also differ widely in the constituents which are associated with the iron in them. While the great mass of the Lake Superior iron is typical specular ore, there is in this district a considerable quantity of magnetic iron and a sufficient amount of hydrated sesquioxide to form an important item in the ore production. There are also here some manganeseiferous ores which are apparently well adapted to the manufacture of spiegeleisen. As a whole, the ores of Lake Superior are characterized by the presence of a very considerable quantity of silica, and by the relatively small amounts of sulphur and phosphorus which they contain. They are, therefore, well adapted to the manufacture of Bessemer steel, and are already largely consumed for that purpose.

The annual production of the Lake Superior iron mines for the ten years preceding 1873 has been, according to Major Brooks, as follows:

	Tons.
1863.....	265,065
1864.....	243,157
1865.....	187,106
1866.....	188,846
1867.....	457,648
1868.....	510,522
1869.....	629,532
1870.....	861,405
1871.....	813,573
1872.....	932,077

Most of this ore was shipped from Marquette, but a considerable quantity finds its outlet by the Escanaba & Ontonagon Railroad to Green Bay and Lake Michigan. Two-thirds of the ore exported from this district goes to Cleveland, Ohio, there to be distributed among the two hundred furnaces which use it in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The iron district of Central Missouri has been cited as one of the wonders of the world, for here it has been said that there are literally mountains of iron ore. These mountains are named Pilot Knob, Iron Mountain, etc., of which Pilot Knob has an altitude of over six hundred feet. These and the associated hills are not, as was formerly supposed, entirely made up of iron ore, but the quantity is so enormously large that the term "inexhaustible" frequently applied to it is scarcely an exaggeration. The ores of this region, like those of Lake Superior, are mostly specular, and are very rich and pure. Those of Iron Mountain are richest, as will be seen from the table of analysis given below. Here the ore occurs disseminated in an irregular way through masses of porphyry, which were, in all probability, once sedimentary rocks, but which have been so highly heated as to resemble the products of complete fusion. This process has resulted in the destruction of all lines of bedding, and the breaking up of the regularity and continuity of the ore beds. In process of time the porphyry, which includes the ore at Iron Mountain, has been deeply and extensively decomposed by atmospheric action, and reduced to the surface to a red clay, so that most of the iron hitherto taken from this mountain has been found as detached masses in this bed of clay. It is well known, however, that underneath this immense quantities of iron are lying imbedded in the unchanged porphyry. At Pilot Knob the ore is distinctly stratified, in some places being quite slaty. It contains a larger amount of silica and alumina than that of Iron Mountain, and shows clearly its sedimentary nature by its structure. Though mined with considerable difficulty, from its intense hardness and toughness, and yielding a smaller percentage of metallic iron than that of Iron Mountain, Pilot Knob ore is still highly esteemed, and, like that of Iron Mountain, is shipped to furnaces even as far east as Pittsburgh.

Taking the ore of the different mines of Cen-

tral Missouri together, its average richness is about the same with that of Lake Superior. It is also equally free from injurious ingredients, and is capable of being successfully employed for the manufacture of all varieties of iron and steel. In these two iron districts the inhabitants of the Valley of the Mississippi have a supply of remarkably rich and pure ores, which is not likely to be exhausted for some hundreds of years, and which, from the small amount of phosphorus which they contain, will be the chief dependence of the American people for the manufacture of steel, unless improvements in the processes of manufacture shall make it possible to utilize the ores which are now regarded too impure for the purpose. The geological age of the Lake Superior and Missouri iron ores is apparently the same, and they are also probably contained in the same formation with the famous Swedish ores, which they so clearly imitate in appearance and composition.

ANALYSES OF MISSOURI SPECULAR IRON ORES.

	Iron Mountain.	Pilot Knob.	Shepherd Mountain.
Peroxide of iron.....	88.37	88.33	88.37
Protoxide of iron.....	11.63	11.67	11.63
Alumina.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Silica.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Manganese.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Phosphoric acid.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sulphur.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total.....	100.00	100.00	100.00

RED HEMATITE ORE.

This is the name given to all ores which consist mainly of the peroxide of iron, and give a red streak or powder, but it is more properly applied to those that have a granular or concretionary structure, and have not a crystalline, metallic, or specular appearance. The ores included in this definition are of more modern date than the Eozoic, and have been plainly derived from limonite by the loss of the combined water. The famous Cumberland ore of England is a typical example of this variety. This was once a hydrated sesquioxide deposited from water in concretionary masses, and having a fibrous, radiated structure. Similar ore is found in various parts of the world, wherever indeed a limonite has been subjected to metamorphic action by which its water is removed. We have very little of this particular variety of red hematite in the United States, though some of it is found filling what were once crevices and cavities in the ore beds of Lake Superior. The chief variety of red hematite in this country is what is known as the "Clinton" or "Fossil" ore.

This is a remarkable deposit of ore found in the Clinton group of the Upper Silurian, and extending along the outcrop of this formation from Northern Wisconsin through a portion of Canada, entering New York on the shore of Lake Ontario, east of the mouth of the Genesee, running thence southeasterly through Clinton, Madison county—where it received its name, and is extensively worked—thence south through Blair county and Broad Top, Pennsylvania, and so on to East Tennessee and Georgia, where it passes under the more recent formations, and disappears. This is a stratified deposit varying from one to ten or more feet in thickness, generally oolitic or granular, sometimes very compact; at others capable of being excavated by the shovel, and called "Flaxseed ore." Its composition is indicated in the analyses given below, which may be accepted as expressing its average composition, and the range of its variation. The mode of formation of this singular deposit of ore has not been well explained, but we venture to offer a suggestion in regard to its origin which will, we think, satisfy most of the conditions of the problem. On examination with the microscope, the granules which compose the Clinton ore are found to be concretions. The deposit evidently accumulated at the bottom of water in the presence of a large amount of animal life, from which its organic remains and large percentage of phosphorus have been derived. From these facts we see that it must have been formed as a hydrated sesquioxide, and gathered as bog ore is now accumulating, acting as a carrier of oxygen to the carbon of organic matter, until that was all exhausted, then taking its place. In some of the Swedish lakes deposits of granular limonite are now constantly forming, and from time to time they are gathered as crops are harvested. This ore is in the form of minute concretions, of nearly uniform size, resembling small shot, and having the structure and composition of the Clinton ore, except that in the latter the spherules are flattened by compression, and the combined water has been generally eliminated, as in other limonites of ancient date. Hence we may infer that the Clinton ore accumulated in a belt along the shore of an arm or bay of the Upper Silurian sea, where this sea received the drainage of a semicircle of highlands composed of the Alleghany belt, the Adirondacks, the Canadian Eozoic mountains, and the Lake Superior Huronian area. Every part of this belt contains great deposits of iron ore, and hence the water flowing from it could hardly fail to be highly ferruginous.

In Maine we have seen a laminated, metamorphosed red hematite which presents the appearance the Clinton ore would have if rendered by metamorphism more schistose and crystalline; and like the Clinton ore, this contains an unusual percentage of phosphoric acid. This ore is said to form a belt, which extends a hundred miles through the mountains of Maine; and we have thought it might be the Clinton ore on the east side of

the old Eozoic axis metamorphosed as all the Palaeozoic rocks have been in New England.

From the amount of phosphorus which the Clinton ore contains it is worthless for the manufacture of steel, but the iron made from it is well adapted to most uses, whether as bar or cast iron, and it is now the chief dependence of a great number of furnaces in New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Georgia. As over wide areas this is a continuous sheet of ore, the quantity of iron which the Clinton formation is capable of furnishing is almost incalculable; and in point of commercial and industrial importance it is doubtful whether it should yield to any of the other iron ores enumerated in this paper. In East Tennessee, where the Clinton ore has conspicuous development, it is often called the "Dye-stone ore," since it is sometimes used by the county people to impart a red tint to the clothing.

ANALYSES OF RED HEMATITE IRON ORES.

	Clinton Ore.	Waconia, Minn.	Iron Ridge, Wis.	St. Paul, Minn.	Wayne Co., N.Y.
Peroxide of iron.....	88.39	88.39	88.39	88.39	88.39
Protoxide of iron.....	11.61	11.61	11.61	11.61	11.61
Alumina.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Silica.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Manganese.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Phosphoric acid.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sulphur.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Limonite, or brown hematite is apparently found in all portions of the world, and it constitutes an important element in the manufacture of iron in all iron-producing countries. As much misapprehension exists with regard to the nature and origin of the deposits of brown hematite, we give here a brief synopsis of their characteristics, which it will be important for all those who are interested in such matters to bear in mind. As is known, limonite is called brown hematite because it has a brown color and a brownish streak or powder, and is thus distinguishable from red hematite. Aside from its earthy matter it contains about 44 per cent. of water, constituting therefore the hydrated sesquioxide (red hematite being the anhydrous oxide). When pure, it contains 60 per cent. of metallic iron, but practically and generally the iron in it ranges from 40 to 60 per cent. of the mass. It is a peculiarity of this iron ore that it never occurs in regular and continuous deposits, but is found in concretions or botryoidal masses in sand or clay, filling crevices, pockets, and basins, or incrusting slopes; wherever, indeed, chalybeate water has precipitated its iron. Other than otherwise it is found associated with limestone rocks, because they more easily than others are dissolved by atmospheric water so as to form caverns and galleries where it may accumulate; and also because the limestone sometimes contains much iron, and in the removal of the carbonate of lime by solution the oxide of iron is left, and to a certain extent, takes its place.

A belt of limonite ore beds passes down along the flanks of the Alleghany from Maine to Georgia; and these deposits occur chiefly along the outcrops of the metamorphic Silurian limestones. Limonite also occurs in concretionary masses in the Cretaceous and Tertiary strata of this region, and in cavities or fissures in serpentine and other metamorphic rocks. Everything indicates that these deposits were formed by the accumulation of the oxide of iron precipitated from the ferruginous drainage of the iron-bearing Alleghany highlands. In date they range from the Cretaceous to the present time, and in quantity they vary from a few pounds to many thousands of tons. As will be inferred from the above description, the deposits of limonite are less regular and reliable than those of any other kind of iron ore. From its soft earthy and fusible character, this ore has been an important adjunct to the magnetic ores, and the two are now generally worked together.

Another series of deposits of limonite, scarcely less important than those we have enumerated, is one that reaches up along the west side of the mountains through Alabama and Tennessee into Kentucky, the most important beds being found along the outcrops of the Lower Carboniferous limestone. The ore occurs here in irregular accumulations similar to that of the eastern belt, but on the whole it is more inclined to form concretionary masses, and is of better quality.

Another brown hematite belt is found in Missouri. This sweeps in a circle around the Eozoic area which holds the crystalline ores of the central part of the State, and doubtless, as at the East, the one kind of ore is derived from the other. The limonites are unquestionably destined to play the same important part in Missouri that they have done along the Alleghany belt, in the reduction of the crystalline ores.

ANALYSES OF LIMONITE IRON ORES.

	Brandon, Vt.	Shelby, Ala.	Duchess County, N.Y.
Peroxide of iron.....	66.16	82.82	91.89
Silica.....	12.39	0.29	4.62
Phosphoric acid.....	0.22	0.15	trace.
Sulphur.....	0.00	0.00	0.25
Lime.....	2.25	0.35	1.06
Alumina.....	4.30	0.00	1.31
Magnesia.....	1.14	0.00	0.21
Manganese.....	0.00	0.67	0.25
Water.....	10.33	14.62	1.12
Carbonic acid.....	1.17	0.00	0.00
Total.....	99.67	99.00	99.95
Metallic iron.....	46.31	57.97	66.33
Sulphur.....	0.00	0.00	0.25
Phosphorus.....	0.49	0.081	trace.

(To be continued.)

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A Birmingham Museum of Arms.

We take the following from the Birmingham Daily Post of recent date:

The Birmingham Museum of Arms had its origin in a very complete collection of Continental examples, formed by Cavalier Callender, a member of the Italian Parliament, and sold to an English collector, who disposed of it to the guardians of the Birmingham Freehouse. The locale of the Museum, No. 4 Newhall street, is well selected, the apartment in which the examples are displayed is roomy and well aired. The floor space is equal to 700 square feet, the wall space has been fitted up with neat, plain and substantial mahogany glazed cases, in which the various specimens are tastefully displayed. The examples were carefully and most judiciously cleaned under the superintendence of Mr. J. D. Goodman, who together with his son, Mr. Charles Goodman, with the occasional assistance of Mr. Allport, have arranged the examples in such order as to show the progressive improvements. Each example is carefully numbered and labelled, a brief description appended, and, where ascertained, the name of the maker and the period of production added; in fact, nothing which could add to the interest of the collection, or render it instructive, has been omitted or left undone.

The distinguishing title of the collection "A Museum of Arms," is sufficiently wide to include appliances of every kind used in war and field sports. The two cases to the left hand entrance of the museum are filled with swords, rapiers, daggers and stilettoes, all by celebrated Continental makers, the blades of some bearing the names of Antonio and Francesco Piccini, and of Tomaso Alma Sebastian Emanuel, of Toledo, in Spain. Toledo blades centuries ago were deservedly celebrated for the quality and temper of the steel. The handles of many of the examples, formed of various materials, are curiously worked, and the blades decorated by engraving, damascened with gold, "watered" or "blued" in the most artistic manner. Some of the examples, apart from the interest they possess as illustrations of manufacture, are also interesting from association. The enthusiasm of visitors may be stimulated by an examination of the dagger used by Garibaldi in his early campaigns; the horror of others may be excited by a knife once possessed and used by a Neapolitan brigand. A rapier which, on being unsheathed, displays two additional blades with saw-like edges, in all probability served for assassin purposes, as no doubt were the stilettoes, exhibited, made in Florence and Genoa, used by bravos hired for the commission of deeds of darkness and blood. A large two handed sword, hanging on the wall between the windows, used by the executioner to the Venetian Republic, was in all probability that with which the Doge Marino Faliero was decapitated. In these cases will also be observed capacious powder flasks of iron, steel, bronze, leather and ivory, decorated by processes in accordance with the material of which they are made. The examples in ivory are curious and artistically sculptured and carved. There are also some examples of engraved bayonets, which are curious.

On stands in front of windows looking into Newhall street are arranged a number of old gun barrels, some of which are of large size. These, it is more than probable, were used as the barrels of galleys, or wall guns. One example may be noticed with a square tube fixed at the breech end, which was probably used for taking aim with, or as a "sight." Some of the smaller examples at their muzzles are funnel shaped, one peculiarly so. There are two examples curiously embellished with scaled work, their nozzles terminating with horn looking heads of dragons. (The barrels of blunderbusses, at one time used by cavalry regiments, were sculptured with a similar device; hence the name given to mounted soldiers, "dragons.") A small barrel is carefully sculptured with figures, but rust and time have all but obliterated the details of the design. In close proximity to these barrels is a "club" pistol, which did double duty—charged with powder it could be fired, after which it might be used as a "club" or "mace." If the bullet discharged "did not reach its billet," an enemy's brains might be dashed out. The "mace" use of the "club pistol" made it the more effective of the two purposes to be accomplished by the weapon.

Long ere Rover Bacon invented gunpowder our countrymen fought with bows formed of wood—the "yew tree good;" at Cresy, Poitiers and Chevy Chase, foemen were taught the force and accuracy with which arrows in length "a good cloth yard and more" were shot by English archers. The Italians at an early period used cross-bows of steel, so stiff to brace as to require the aid of levers and keys to accomplish the lodgement of the string of the bow preparatory to the discharge of the arrow, bolt, or "quarrel." Of cross-bows of steel there are many very interesting examples, their stocks made of costly woods, such as ebony, inlaid with ivory or pearl shell, carved, sculptured, or engraved with various designs or devices. There is an especially interesting example of a very small bow of the "Arbalest" type, which will be examined with interest. It is an articulated or jointed bow, the stringing and the propulsion of the bolt being accomplished by means of a screw. Among cross-bows the example alluded to appears to have stood in the same relation as a pistol to a gun, and to be used as a "concealed arm." In connection with cross-bows, iron "cricks" or keys are shown. They were used for drawing "to rest" the string of the bow. Additional force when required was secured by the use of a *pie de capri*, or goat's foot lever, an example of which is exhibited.

The simplest form of firearm—the match-lock—look the place of the cross bow. The match at first applied by the hand, was next transferred to, and held in a moveable cock, or head, and dropped down on the powder in the priming pan attached to the barrel or tube, charged with powder and ball, which it was intended to discharge. In the course of time the application of simple mechanism, with the addition of a trigger chain triggers were the invention of a gunsmith of Munich, in 1543, operated upon by pressure of the hand, released the cock holding the match, and formed the first and earliest real gunlock. There is a curious early example among those exhibited wherein by gentle pressure on a long lever (very much resembling that which does duty in a "Martini" as trigger guard, and serves also to withdraw the metallic case of the spent cartridge) the lighted match was made to descend and fire off the piece. The visitor will observe the forms of the stocks in these early examples, and that they are not of the contour stocks are now. The trigger guards are also peculiar; in many of the examples the form of the guard was evidently intended to give security of grip to the user of the arm; the three separate breaks in the contour of the guard (which are seen in profile) were for the reception of three fingers of the hand holding the gun, while the forefinger of the same hand moved the trigger. A curiosity in this division of examples will be found in the "match," combined with the use of the "flint." The invention of Prince Montecucoli, date 1650. There is also a Broddignagian example, intended to be fired from a wall or "casemate," or from the deck of a galley.

The "wheel" lock in turn gradually displaced the "match" lock. The wheel lock did away with the necessity for the lighted match altogether, the spark which ignited the priming powder in the pan being produced by the friction

tion of a disc of steel, made rough on its outer diameter, or cut with teeth like a file. The spindle on which the steel disc was mounted had attached to it a helical flat coiled spring (like that of a watch fusee, or clock which moves by the operation of a spring). The spring was wound up with a key, and held in that condition by means of a ratchet wheel on the release of the catch of the ratchet (by pulling the trigger) the spring operated, causing the steel disc to revolve; its friction against a firmly held piece of pyrites evolved a spark, or a succession of sparks, which ignited the priming powder in the pan, and the discharge of the contents of the barrel followed as a result. The illustrations of the wheel lock, as applied in the complete gun, consist chiefly of examples of what the French designate as "Arms de luxe," i.e., arms of a highly decorated or ornamental character externally, used by crowned heads, nobility, and gentlemen occasionally in the field sports, &c.; the exceptions among the examples being a wheel lock gun for cavalry, "the stock to use as a club," also a very large example with the barrel internally rifled (date about 1550—rifling was introduced at least 50 years earlier, i.e., between 1440 and 1500), externally sculptured with serpents and gorgons, intended to be shot from a rest, which its bulk and weight necessitated. The great proportion of the smaller armlocks, and no doubt the decoration (which in the majority of cases is of a high class) was the result of Italian art workmanship. The subjects which enter into the decorative enrichments are very varied. In some examples the stocks are inlaid with ivory in figures of flowers and fruit (date 1650); in others the chiselled steel mountings consist of arabesques of flowers and monsters (1600). There are also examples in which the lock plates, &c., in their contours, are very elegant, and are engraved with representation of a hunting party, or an army camped, &c. In one example the stock is inlaid with gold, and threads of silver inserted in very graceful and delicate flag-like arrangement. To these enrichments the brilliancy of pearl shell is added. Visitors to the Museum of Arms who also visited the exhibition of 1851, may remember "The funny creatures sent from Wurttemberg," in an example of a wheel-lock gun, bearing the armorial devices of the royal house of Este. On the ebony stock, inlaid with ivory, are represented a lion, a master, and a wolf, a fox, a hare, and a stag as engaged in cooking a sportsman. In another example, in which the stock is inlaid with ivory, heathen mythology furnishes the subject, representations of Mercury, goddesses, and the shepherd Paris being engraved thereon.

The "wheel" preceded the "Snaphaunce;" then followed the flint lock. In both of these the wheel arrangement was dispensed with altogether. Their action was the result of ingeniously formed and combined flat springs, in connection with detents, tumblers, &c., operated upon by the trigger, by which the "cock" holding the flint was released and propelled down against a furrowed piece of steel conveniently placed, but was afterward replaced by the movable pan-cover which served the same purpose. The earliest form of flint lock (though pyrites was used instead of flint) that named the "Snaphaunce," or "Snap-hunt," the Dutch for "hunting gun." The term of these locks was "Chenapan," corrupted from the German word "Schnapphahn" (a cock pecking), which the action of the lock much resembles. In France the name of "Chenapan" was given to robbers, as also to Spanish bandits of the Pyrenees, also to the Barbets of the Alps (Vaudou), forced by religious intolerance to become bandits, all of whom were armed with guns fitted with Snaphaunce locks. The peculiarities of these and other early gun locks are clearly set forth in the paper written by Mr. Goodman on the "Birmingham Gun Trade," to be found in the well-known volume "Birmingham and the Midland Hardware District," edited by Mr. Samuel Timmins. The value of the paper alluded to is increased by the institution of a permanent local Museum of Arms; the value of the Museum is in turn enhanced by the remarks in "the paper" being illustrated by many of the examples in the Museum.

The examples of complete guns classified as flint-lock are ninety in number, the great majority of unequalled beauty, triumphs of the gunmaker's art; produced by makers as great in their calling as the great artists who, in another direction—i.e., in art—have achieved fame. Examples will be found in the museum by the great armors of Italy, Spain, Germany, and France; by Natal del Moro, of Rome; Magona, Jovelli, and Sarracini, of Pistoia (where pistols were supposed to have been first made); there are also examples by members of the Lazarini and Commavaz families, in which the art appears to have been hereditary for nearly one hundred and fifty years (i.e., from 1570 to 1700), and by Gabriel de Algoria, gunsmith to Ferdinand VI. of Spain, &c. Special excellence in the production of parts of guns at a comparatively early period was also achieved, thus there are barrels bearing the names of Provencal, of Turin; Bruni, of Milan; (Italian names) of Ribault, Esquibart, Bis, and Gaspar Fernandez (Spaniards). Spanish barrels were mounted by Italian gunsmiths, an illustration of which will be found in a flint-lock gun, the barrel the production of the late-named Spanish maker, the mounting by Lorenzoni, armisth to the Medici family, of Florence. The contents of the Museum show examples of what has recently, from time to time, been set forth—viz., that breech-loading and many other inventions are not of to-day (however much the ideas of the original inventors have been improved upon). Of this there are numerous proofs. The falling "break-off" arrangement for breech-loading, claimed by Lefauchaux, has here two prototypes. In the preceding case there is a veritable "mitrailleuse," with seven barrels (an English arm marked with the broad arrow, date 1780). There are two examples of breech loaders, in which a cylindrical plug, fitted into the breech-box, is moved by lever, permitting the introduction of a bullet, the powder being placed in a receptacle at the side; on the plug being turned (by the lever handle) the powder drops behind the bullet, now placed in proper relation to the barrel, the trigger drawn, and the contents of the piece is discharged. But by far the most complete and beautiful example of a veritable breech-loader (in which even a cartridge has been used) bears date 1694. It is the work of a justly-celebrated Italian gunsmith, an Aquafresca, of Borgia. In it the barrel, by the action of a spring, moves horizontally to the left, and permits of the introduction of the cartridge, which is slipped into a tubular steel case, removable after the discharge of its contents. The ingenuity displayed in this example is only equalled by its exquisite workmanship, most minutely carried out in every part, down even to the smallest detail. There is exquisite sculpture on the metal work, of the most precise, symmetrical, yet artistic description. This example is an evidence of what the human hand can accomplish in connection with brain power; it is a perfect unity, and in these days, when the cunning workman is becoming exceptional, it does one good to see so noble an example of pure and simple handicraft—the elegance of the "stock," and its beauty of form, the surface unbroken, saving and excepting by an inlay of silver thread elegantly introduced. It may be added, a portion of the beautifully chased and engraved butt-plate slides to one

side, and reveals tools necessary for taking the gun to pieces, and a pair of bullet molds.

It is impossible to convey, even imperfectly, anything like an idea of the wealth of this department of the Museum, whether as regards ingenuity of construction, workmanship, artistic decoration, or the value of the rare material employed in the "making up" of the several examples. Suffice it to say that the most valuable of metals, the rarest of woods, ivory, pearl, and even gems, lend their united charms for the beautification of what are truly examples of "arms de luxe."

Among the other curiosities of gun making may be examined an example of a two-lock gun, which fires two charges from the same barrel, one after the other. Very terrible must have been the force of the discharge of the short, dumpy, wide-bore blunderbuss (shown in the case containing blunderbusses), with barrel of bronze, originally possessed by a notorious brigand, which, when loaded with bullets of stone, &c., and with the shoulder of a comrade for a rest, was discharged at the lone traveler among the wilds or fastnesses of Calabria. Curious when examined is the air gun (breech loader), by Keuchenreiter. Concealed in the butt is a miniature pair of bellows, operated upon by winding up a helical spring, in the manner of the old wheel lock. Sufficient air for a single charge was condensed in the magazine, and its contents were discharged by means of a hair-trigger. (The force of air obtained by the bellows, not larger than those which faintly imitate a dog's bark in a child's toy, is very considerable.)

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On the 7th page will be found the advertisement of the Osborn Mfg. Co., 79 Bleeker street, manufacturers of Bright Metal Bird Cages. This company are proprietors of Osborn & Drayton's improvements, contained in twelve different patents. Their line of goods, which is being constantly increased by the addition of new and beautiful designs, is worthy the attention of the trade.

We call attention to the advertisement on page 9, of John Hartman, proprietor of the Philadelphia Nickel Plating Works, whose platings appear on a good many goods exhibited at the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, such as Shannon's Locks, Rue's Little Giant Injector, Howe's Scales, the Sunnyside Stove, and Hillebrand's as well as Star Lock Works. These platings and gildings invariably show a superior finish and brilliancy.

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The agency of the Suez Canal has been given to Messrs. Merchant & Co., Philadelphia, in view of the Centennial Exhibition.

C. W. Packer's Ice Cream Freezers have been awarded the first premium at the Cincinnati Industrial Exposition, October, of the current year.

BRITISH IRON MARKET.

(Specially reported by cable for The Iron Age.)

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 23, 1874.

Scotch Pig.—Since last report the market has been depressed, but has rallied again, and prices are now firm. The following are makers' quotations:

Coltness No. 1, 105/106
Gartsherrrie No. 1, 102/103
Glenarnock No. 1, 96/97
Eglinton No. 1, 87/88

Manufactured Iron.—The market is dull, with small demand and little business, and prices are weaker, although nominally unchanged. We quote Best Staffordshire Bars, £10. 5/ to £11.

Rails.—There is a fair amount of business doing, although prices are weak. We quote Welsh £7. @ £7. 10/.

IRON.

American Pig.—The market for American Iron still lags, and prices are irregular and declining; \$28 is now about the top figure for No. 1, though in a few instances \$29 is still obtained, but we have heard of sales as low as \$27. The Allentown Company are very firm, and we have authentic information that \$28 cash was by them refused to-day for 1000 tons. It is very difficult to give fixed quotations for any particular brand, as every transaction appears to be arranged on its own merits; prompt cash, credit of buyer, or necessities of seller, all entering into the final arrangement of the trade. The sales are light, and we only hear of 500 tons Thomas, 250 tons Crane, and 100 tons Lehigh Valley, all on private terms. We quote No. 1, \$27 @ \$29; No. 2, \$26 @ \$27; and Forge, \$23 @ \$25.

Scotch Pig.—Late arrivals by steamer have included about 700 tons of Scotch, but it had all been sold previous to arrival, and the market is therefore kept bare of supplies. Owing to the scarcity, \$27 is readily obtained for Eglinton, \$29 for Glenarnock and \$40 @ \$42 for Coltness, though very little trade is doing in any description. The market is entirely bare of Gartsherrrie and Carnbroe. We hear of sales during the week of 400 tons Eglinton, 100 tons Glenarnock and 100 tons Coltness, all to arrive, at private prices.

Bar Iron.—The nominal market price for Refined Bar Iron is still 3c., and as far as Eastern makers are concerned there would have been no difficulty in maintaining this figure had it not been for the raising of certain Pittsburgh mills, who have again commenced cutting prices. This course has had the tendency to weaken the market, while it has not swelled the sales of the Western mills, as buyers have become very easily alarmed and will only buy what they are forced to. There is no doubt Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania mills will now lower their prices to meet the competition, as they have the protection of the West-

ern freight in their favor. It is very unfortunate that this fresh weakness should have developed itself, as through the curtailment of production the Eastern market was gradually assuming a tone that bade fair to develop into activity as the season advanced. It will now take several weeks to show how far the demoralization extends.

Rails.—The market generally continues quiet and without new features of interest. A sale has lately taken place of 4000 tons American Rails, but the particulars are withheld from the public. We quote Welsh at \$48 @ \$50, gold, and American \$55, currency.

Old Rails.—Very little, if anything, has been done in Old Rails, and values are nominally unchanged. We quote at about \$30 for Ts.

Scrap.—We hear of a sale of 200 tons, deliverable at New Haven, said to have been at \$34, cash on delivery, but outside of this the market is extremely dull, and a reliable quotation impossible to obtain.

METALS.

Copper.—Quite extensive transactions have taken place since we last reported, the major portion thereof to-day. The cash sales amounted to 200,000 pounds at 22 1/2c., and the futures to 250,000 pounds, December to March, inclusive, at 23c., and to-day to 1,500,000 at the same figure, December to April, inclusive. Not much is now to be had at 23c., similar delivery. The large purchases made to-day were for the covering of carriage manufacturers' contracts. Great steadiness prevails at the close, but there is no excitement. We may pronounce the Copper situation a sound one, business having of late largely increased on the hands of Brass manufacturers. The closing quotations are 22 1/2c., cash, for Lake, and 23c. for futures. Baltimore may be quoted 22c. @ 22 1/2c., nominally; it is scarce for the moment. London, on the 23d inst., was reported by cable £83 for Chili Bars and £91 for Best Selected. This week the market there advanced to £82. 10/ for Chili Bars. London accounts by mail, received this week, already foreshadowed the decline which took place in the meantime, brought about, as we presumed in our last report, by the then expected and since effected rise of 1 per cent. in the discount rate. Charter reports from Valparaiso by cable were also delayed by the Argentine revolution, and these circumstances combined caused the temporary reaction on the other side, from which they seem to be gradually recovering. Manufacturers of Copper remain well supported as follows:

New Sheathing, 23c. for over 12 oz.; Bolts and Braziers, 30c.; and Nails, 37c. @ 38c.; Bronze and Yellow Metal Sheathing, 21c. @ 21 1/2c.; Yellow Metal Bolts, 28c.; and Yellow Metal Sheathing Nails, 21c.

Tin.—This metal continues to be a disappointment to importers and holders of it, both in Europe and this country. For some time past it has lacked its wonted buoyancy, on this coast particularly. Whether it is not as extensively used any more, or whether people in the trade are afraid to hold it in quantities much beyond immediate requirements, is a question not easily solved; at all events, it has been given a cold shoulder, and the statistical position in Europe, which determines its value more than anything else, has been contrary to a sound recovery, despite the comparatively low figure to which it has been depressed during the past ten or twelve months. There is little satisfaction in reporting the market as we proceed, business having again been a languid one, without any dealings of note in either "spot" or "futures." We quote in gold as follows: Straits, 21 1/2c.; English Refined, 21 1/2c.; and Lamb and Flag, 21c.; and Banca, 25c. There are no later cable quotations from Europe, while at Singapore it was quoted \$24 per picul yesterday, and improved to \$24.50 to-day. Tin plates have been dealt in, in a jobbing way, to the extent of from 500 to 1000 boxes merely, during the week, and are quotable as follows: I. C. Charcoal, \$9.50 @ \$9.75, gold, per box; I. C. Coke, \$7.62 1/2 @ \$7.75; Coke Terne, \$6.87 1/2 @ \$7; and Charcoal Terne, \$8.50 @ \$8.75, all gold.

Lead.—While the European advance, according to cables to hand this week, seems to proceed unchecked, we have remained quiet here. The latest cable despatches from Germany again raise limits 1 1/2c. gold, and Foreign is not easily obtained now at 6 1/2c. gold, here. Toward the close of last week 250 tons Selby (California) sold at 6 1/2c. gold, on the dock, since when dullness has prevailed unbroken, the asking price for domestic from store being 6.35c., gold, which nobody seems to feel inclined to pay. The government has done nothing beyond the small sale of 25 tons, alluded to some time ago as having been effected at 6.35c., gold. The brisk season for Lead having passed, not much interest is manifested in the article by the trade at large. The European buoyancy having no practical bearing upon our market, except so far as Foreign for drawback is concerned. Manufacturers are unaltered and well sustained at 8 1/2c., less 10 per cent. for Bar, Pipe and Sheet.

Spelter and Zinc.—Of domestic Spelter some 40 tons were taken at 6 1/2c., currency, and the price now firmly demanded is 6 1/2c., currency. Foreign, on the other hand, is worth all the way from 6 1/2c. to 7c., gold, and the disproportion in value between Domestic and Foreign is thus as glaring as ever, nor is it easily explained. Our own domestic article is either not worth as much as Silesian, by a great deal, or the producers part with it below its intrinsic value; thus of Foreign 25 tons W. H. Silesian sold at 7c., gold, and 25 tons C. G. H. at 6.82 1/2c., gold. The mail from Germany brings accounts from Breslau to the 5th instant, when P. H. December delivery was selling at 7 1/2c. thalers, and W. H. November and December delivery, 7 1/2c. A cable dispatch from London advises another improvement of five shillings per ton. It remains to be seen whether, under the stimulus of these advances, the domestic Spelter can be made to move off in larger quantities at improved rates, now that the Brass manufacturers seem to be getting busier. There is no change in Sheet Zinc, which remains quite scarce on the spot, and readily commands from 8 1/2c. @ 8 3/4c., gold, Mosselman included.

Antimony.—Since London advanced to £49 it has remained there steadily, according to cablegrams this week. Some 100 casks have arrived during the week in lots direct to various importing dealers, and the market closes with firmness at 11 1/4c. @ 12c., gold.

OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, &c.

The sales of Old Metals have been very light the past week, and dealers find it an impossibility to dispose of any considerable quantity. Old Lead and Copper, however, are in good demand at steady rates. The market for Rags, Paper Stock &c., still continues very dull in consequence of the paper mills only running on half time, and prices have somewhat declined. We quote the following as the current purchasing rates:

Old Metals.—Copper, 16c. @ 17c. per lb.; Yellow Metal, 11c. @ 12c.; Brass, 10c. @ 12c.; Composition, heavy, 13c. @ 14c.; Lead, solid, 5c.; Tea Lead, 4c.; Zinc, 4 1/2c. @ 5c.; Pewter, No. 1, 19c.; do., No. 2, 8c. @ 12c.; Spelter, 5c. @ 5 1/2c.; Wrought Iron, 1 1/2c.; Sheet do., 1 1/4c.; Cast, do., 1 1/2c. @ 1 3/4c.; Machinery, do., 1 1/2c.

Rags, &c.—Canvas, Linen, 5c. @ 5 1/2c.; do. Cotton, No. 1, 6c. @ 6 1/2c.; No. 2, 5 1/2c.; White, No. 1, 6c. @ No. 2, 4c.; Colored, do., 3c. @ 3 1/2c.; Mixed, Woolen, 2c. @ 3c.; Soft, do., 4 1/2c. @ 5c.; Gunny Bagging, 1c.; Jute Butts, 1 1/2c. @ 2c.; Kentucky Bagging, 3c.; Book Stock, 3c.; Waste Paper and Scraps, 1 1/2c.; Kentucky Bale Rope, 4c.; Oakum Junk, No. 1, 4 1/2c. @ 5c.; do. No. 2, 3c.; Tarred Shaking, 1c. @ 1 1/2c.; Grass Rope, 3c. @ 3 1/2c.

IMPORTATIONS.

Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the week ending October 27, 1874:

Hardware.
Anderson, Merchant & Co., Files, cks., 19
Baker Hermann & Co., Mds., pkgs., 13
Case, 1
Beam & Murray, Mds., pkgs., 5
Caska, 12
Spades, bdls., 12
Chains, cks., 10
Drexel, Morgan & Co., Cases, 1
Dickinson Henry, Cases, 2
Dickerson H. & Co., Cases, 3
Derraw, Aymar & Co., Chains, 11
Frith Edwards, Anvils, 135
Fuller Bros., Anvils, 130
Hildick A. H., Mds., pkgs., 9
Hilger E. & Sons, Mds., pkgs., 15
Hopkins E. T., Anvils, 52
Jenks, Jr., Joseph, Cases, 2
Langhland & Co., Wire, cks., 3
Kissam & Co., Merchants' Dispatch Co., Guns, cks., 2
Mason John W. & Co., Wire rope, coils, 9
Naylor & Co., Wire rods, coils, 2842
Ness & Hesselein, Cases, 1
Phelps, Bloom & Brown, Cases, 1
Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co., Files, cks., 2
Stewart A. T. & Co., Cases, 5
Spicer, Bloom & Co., Mds., pkgs., 9
Schoverling & Daly, Mds., pkgs., 3
Tillotson L. G. & Co., Gal. wire, lots, 700
Wire, lots, 287
Van Wart & McCoy, Cases, 3
Ward, Mds., pkgs., 4
Cases, 2

Iron.
Grace W. R. & Co., Railroad switches, tons, 17
Knight Wm. & Co., Boxes, 100
Langhland & Co., Hay bands, bdls., 800

Steel.
Leecraft & Co., Scrap, pkgs., 168
Naylor & Co., Bars, 12, 167
Rails, 598
Phelps, Dodge & Co., Sheet, pkgs., 2250
Order, Sheet, pkgs., 966
Cases, 41
Railway bars, 1834
Sheet, bdls., 325
Scrap, tons, 90
Rails, 146

Metals.
Drexel, Morgan & Co., Bars, 347
Lang W. Bailey & Co., Bars, 27
Sanderson Geo. & Co., Bundles, 105
Cases, 10
Vose, Dinmore & Co., Wire, bdls., 10
Woodford W. O., Packages, 70
West, Bradley & Co., Wire, bdls., 248
Order, Bundles, 579
Kilgus, 7714
Cases, 3
Cases, 4
Bars, 3

**Brace & Cook, Antimony, cks., 17
Tin plates, bxs., 530
Byrne Joseph & Co., Tin, slabs, 242
Tin plates, bxs., 238
Grund F. & Cerero, Lead, bars, 1764
Hart Lucius & Co., Tin, slabs, 50
Tin ingots, 300
Leecraft & Co., Scrap, copper, pkgs., 12
Scrap, brass, pkgs., 16
Scrap, lead, pgs., 2
Noel & Saurel, Tin sheets, cs., 2
Naylor & Co., Tin plates, bxs., 986
Phelps, Dodge & Co., Antimony, cks., 25
Tin plates, bxs., 14-18
Tin ingots, 1765
Mds., pkgs., 1005
Reynier Bros. & Co., Copper, bxs., 13
Smith J. Lee & Co., Zinc, bdls., 50
Windmiller L. & Roelker, Sheet zinc, cks., 80
Order, Antimony, cks., 33
Lead, pcs., 800
Tin plates, bxs., 3774
Lead, pigs, 1795
Tin, ingots, 480**

COAL.

We have no definite change to report in the Coal market this week, and dealers say there will be no change of consequence until the meeting of the combination in March, when prices for the next year will be decided upon. Prices, however, remain firm at the advance noted last week. The usual monthly sale of Scranton Coal took place to-day (Wednesday) at the rooms of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, at William street and Exchange place. The attendance was large, and the bidding somewhat brisk. Sixty-two thousand tons were disposed of. Mr. Draper was auctioneer. The following table shows a comparison of to-day's prices with those of last month:

	September.	October.
Steamboat.....	\$5.17 1/2 @ 5.30	\$5.47 1/2 @ 5.50
Grate.....	5.22 1/2 @ 5.27 1/2	5.22 1/2 @ 5.37 1/2
Stove.....	6.04 1/2 @ 6.05	6.15 @ 6.20
Chestnut.....	4.95 @ 5.00	5.00 @ —

The market for Bituminous Coal still continues very quiet, and prices remain unchanged. Our quotations are as follows: Cumberland, \$6.25 @ \$6.50; American Gas, \$7 @ \$7.75; West Virginia, \$7.40 @ \$7.65; Pennsylvania and Westmoreland, \$7.50 @ \$7.75; James River Steam, \$6.25 @ \$6.50; American Cannel, \$13.

The demand for Foreign is limited, and prices are nominal. The quotations are: Liverpool House Cannel, \$17 @ \$18; Liverpool Gas, \$9.50 @ \$12; Newcastle Gas, \$8; Scotch, \$8.

The quantity of Coal sent from the Schuylkill region last week by rail was 130,184 tons; by canal, 22,527—for the week, 152,711 tons, against 117,056 for the corresponding week last year. Increase, 35,655.

The supply sent from all the regions for the week was 490,932 tons Anthracite, and 76,534 Bituminous. For the week 567,666 tons, against 540,501 for the corresponding week last year. Increase, 26,965 tons.

The whole supply sent from all the regions so far this year is 17,553,524 tons, against 18,768,250 tons to same period last year. Decrease so far this year 1,214,725 tons. The decrease in Anthracite is 1,254,743 tons.

The total amount of coal shipped by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company for

the week ending October 16, 1874, and for the year, is as follows:

	Week.	Total.
Wilkesbarre Region.....	25,775	1,023,476
Lehigh.....	13,849	440,667
Audenshield.....	13,340	378,559
Total.....	52,964	1,842,692

The Coal transported over the Cumberland Branch Railroad during the week ending October 24, 1874, amounted to 5037 tons, as against 5888 tons shipped in the corresponding period of last year, showing a decrease of 851 tons. Over the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, for the same period, the shipments were 43,360 tons, against 53,362 tons shipped in 1873, a decrease of 15,002 tons.

PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 27th, 1874.

The situation of the market continues very much the same as at our last report, with little or no demand for Pig Metal, a fair business in Bars and Plates, and an active and increasing inquiry for Rails. The anomalous condition thus reported fairly reflects the actual situation of the trade throughout the country, and is, in some hands, looked upon as indicating the beginning of the long looked for improvement. As a business fact, the transactions in Rails are undoubtedly greater within the two weeks past than for months. While prices are low these purchases are quite as certainly exhausting the supply of made Rails, and furnishing orders for Rail mills, which, if continued, as is to be expected, must necessarily affect prices of Pig Metal, or, at least, furnish a demand for consumption. At the same time it is to be noted that the railroad companies purchasing Iron will also soon be compelled to contract for additional rolling stock, now much needed, and which will give a better market for Bar, Plate and Tank Irons. There are also some additional features of interest in the market relative to Steel Rails, one or two of the Eastern roads being in negotiation for a considerable quantity aggregating some 40,000 tons, which, with previous orders, will keep the Steel works and Rail mills supplying them busy for some time to come. At present prices of Steel Rail, it is evident that the American Bessemer Rail can now be laid down at tide water equally as cheap as English Bessemer, and generally fully equal if not superior in quality to the latter. This has undoubtedly come about from the greater attention paid to the production of Bessemer Pig in the United States, as well as, of course, from the reduction in price of all Pig Metal. All things considered, there is more profit in the manufacture of Steel Rails at present prices than of Iron Rails, and we may therefore naturally expect for the future an extension of the Bessemer product in this country. Although there is but slight encouragement in the trade to be noted at present, a better feeling prevails, for the reasons stated, than was the case a fortnight since. Prices are, however, nominally the same, and afford but a slight margin of profit; so slight indeed that any interference with the tariff, as foreshadowed for the coming session of Congress, would practically close up every branch of the industry. The following prices as quoted in this market are continued:

Pig Iron.—No. 1 Foundry, \$29; No. 2, \$26; Gray Forge, \$25; White and Mottled, \$18 to \$22. Charcoal Pig, \$37 to \$38.

Bars.—3c. per lb.

Rails.—\$55 to \$60, as to make and section, at works.

OLD RAILS.—\$30 to \$31.50, and abundant. SCRAP—\$31 to \$32 for No. 1 Wrought.

The sales of Pig Metal include some 6000 tons, principally No. 2 and Forge, at quotations, Forge being relatively scarce; also 100 tons Charcoal Pig at \$37, here. Old Rails at \$30, spot, and about 1000 tons ranging from \$30 to \$31.50. In Rails there are sales to note of 4000 tons from Western mills, on private terms, long time; and contracts closed for 20,000 tons with a near-by mill, for early delivery, at about quotations. In Steel Rails negotiations are pending for 38,000 to 40,000 tons for a State road, with also conditions of early delivery. Of Scrap we note sales of 250 to 300 tons at \$31 to \$32, here, for best selections of No. 1 Wrought.

PITTSBURGH.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 25, 1874.

Pig Iron.—Trade in this important staple continues very much restricted, as the demand is confined entirely to supplying the immediate necessities of consumers, although in the aggregate there is a very fair business. That the consumption after all is not much behind what it usually is at this season of the year, is evident from the fact that the mills are, with one or two exceptions, all in operation, many of them working up to their full capacity, and furthermore, they have been running full ever since they started up in August. In former years the mills generally carried from thirty to ninety days' stock ahead, but this year they are pursuing an entirely different policy; the majority of them are now buying from week to week, determined to carry just as little stock as they can possibly help, and the fact that the general tone and spirit of the market is in buyer's favor stimulates this course of action, as they feel that there is no probability of an advance, but, on the other hand, many of them are holding off in anticipation of a further decline. The fact is the great proportion of the sales during the past two weeks show a decline of from 50c. to \$1 per ton, and that too in small lots, and it is fair to infer that for a round lot, any of one or two thousand tons, still greater concessions would be made. Quotations may be fairly given at \$25.50 to \$26, 4 mos., or \$25 cash. Charcoal Irons appear to be more depressed than any other kind, because the stock is unusually heavy, and the demand very light. There has been a gradual accumulation for a couple of years or more past, and the consequence is a heavy shrinkage in prices,

the week ending October 16, 1874, and for the year, is as follows:

	Week.	Total.
Wilkesbarre Region.....	25,775	1,023,476
Lehigh.....	13,849	440,667
Audenshield.....	13,340	378,559
Total.....	52,964	1,842,692

Your correspondent is cognizant of offers being made here now to sell Charcoal Iron at \$33 to \$38 per ton that were bringing \$50 and upward a couple years since. Foundry Irons of all kinds continue very dull, and prices are lower than they have been since before the war; the most of the sales recently have been within the range of \$26 @ \$28, for Nos. 1 and 2, 4 mos. It is but proper to state, however, that notwithstanding the outlook is anything but encouraging, there are some producers who have confidence in the future, as they are unwilling to sell at present rates; while, on the other hand, there are others anxious to realize now, who refused to do so in the summer, when prices were from \$1 to \$1.50 higher.

MANUFACTURED IRON.—There is but little to report as regards the market for finished Irons that is really new or important. While trade is not as active as our manufacturers generally counted upon, it is perhaps about all that can reasonably be expected, and notwithstanding orders are not coming forward as freely as they did in the early part of the season, the mills all appear to be busy, the best evidence of which is that they are all running with one or two exceptions. It is true prices are lower, but so is the cost of the raw material and labor, and there is reason to believe that 2 1/2c., the present rate, usual time, will yield the manufacturer about the same margin for profit that 2 1/2c. did a month or six weeks ago.

RAILS.—The Rail trade continues very dull, although this is not unusual at this particular time, and, furthermore, no improvement can reasonably be expected until January, perhaps February, when jobbers commence to send in their orders for spring and summer trade. Some of the factories are still in operation, but a general suspension soon is probable, as makers do not want to accumulate stock, and the demand is not sufficient to absorb the production. Prices remain unchanged: \$35.35, 60 days, usual discount of two per cent. for cash, but no rebate, as heretofore, on 100 keg lots and upward.

STEEL.—There is a fair degree of activity, as the mills are all in operation, and some of them report that they are still ahead of their production; but there are no regular rates, and, as in iron, "cutting" has been indulged in freely of late, and the consequence is most, if not all, of the firms are selling independent of each other in this respect, each one having their own rates. The result, as might be expected, is that prices have been forced down lower than there was any necessity for, and the margin for profit is very small.

SCRAP IRON.—There is no improvement to note in the Scrap Iron trade, and while dealers are hopeful, the indications are not favorable for an early change for the better. There is still some inquiry for Steel, but the demand is for small lots to meet immediate requirements. Dealers say there is so little doing that there are no regular rates.

COKE.—There has been rather more inquiry for this important staple recently, notwithstanding the continued depression in Pig Iron, and some new contracts have been made recently, but prices are lower. Connelville is quotable at \$2.75 per ton, free on cars in Pittsburgh.

The Pittsburgh Commercial, of the 24th inst., says: We can note no change in the market for Pig Metal since our last report. There has been considerable inquiry this week, but sales are still limited to small lots for immediate use. The rolling mills are all in operation and using up a good deal of iron, but the supply is fully equal to the demand, and many persons expect even lower prices than now prevail. We are reported the following sales:

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100 tons medium gray, mottled.....	24.00—4 mos.
100 tons mottled.....	24.00—4 mos.
100 tons gray forge, neutral.....	25.00—cash.
100 tons gray forge.....	25.50—4 mos.
100 tons gray forge.....	25.00—60 d/ys
75 tons No. 2 foundry.....	27.00—4 mos.
50 tons No. 1 foundry.....	27.00—4 mos.
40 tons mottled.....	24.00—5 mos.
30 tons No. 2 foundry.....	26.50—4 mos.
30 tons No. 1 foundry.....	27.00—4 mos.
20 tons No. 3 foundry.....	26.00—4 mos.
10 tons No. 2 foundry.....	22.00—4 mos.

CONNELLSVILLE COKE.

100 tons gray forge.....	\$26.00—4 mos.
20 tons No. 1 foundry.....	27.00—4 mos.
10 tons No. 1 foundry.....	27.50—4 mos.

CHARCOAL.

200 tons No. 1 Lake Superior.....	\$33.00—4 mos.
50 tons No. 1 Lake Superior.....	35.00—4 mos.
30 tons No. 1 Pennsylvania.....	35.00—4 mos.
10 tons No. 6 Lake Superior.....	39.00—4 mos.
10 tons No. 2 Hanging Rock.....	34.00—4 mos.

CLEVELAND.
Messrs. READ & DICKEY, Iron Brokers, under date of Oct. 26, write us as follows:

Pig Iron.—No new features of importance to report. The general tone of the market remains substantially as indicated in our last. The pressure to sell has been somewhat relieved, owing to the sale of some considerable lots for speculative purchase, but as they changed hands at much below quoted rates, are no fair indication of the market price. Gray Forge is becoming more abundant as the wants of the mills are becoming lighter, and we should not be surprised to see prices for that grade even lower than at present before the close of the year. The demand for Foundry grades is very light and prices are weak. Bessemer metals alone hold their price, and show some signs of improvement inquiry. We hear of one sale of a very choice brand at a considerable advance over quotations. In addition to other favorable signs for makers of Steel Rails, we learn that English makers are shutting down their works, tired of the ruinously low rates at which they have had to sell in our market,

THE METAL MARKET.

since my last report, and prices have not varied greatly. Copper has certainly been firmer, and both lead and spelter are still held tightly, but, on the other hand, tin and tin plates have shaded off a trifle, and figures for them are easier. Generally speaking, there is not a great business doing in any description. Many young firms have lately gone largely into this branch of trade. Messrs. Von Dadelzen & North say: Copper has further improved, and business would have been larger if holders had been willing to supply the demand at current rates. Chili bars have advanced to \$28, cash, and 83. 10/100, one month's prompt. Best brands have realized \$25. Wallaroo is held for \$22; Burra, \$20. English copper firm, at last week's quotations. Tin has ruled quiet, with only a moderate amount of business. Straits has changed hands from \$22 to \$21, and Australian from \$20 to \$19; but there is a little more steadiness apparent. The Dutch market is quiet, but steady. Banca, 50 1/2 fl.; Billiton, 54 fl. English tin firmly held. Tin Plates.—Makers are willing to book orders at previous quotations. Lead.—The market has a strong appearance, and in some quarters an advance of 5/ per ton is asked. Good soft pig, \$22 to \$22. 5/100. Spelter.—Some Silesian in output reported; ordinary brands at \$23; specials at \$23. 10/100 to \$23. 15/100. Quicksilver, \$24 per bottle.

The prices current of Messrs. James & Shakespeare (London, Oct. 8th) has the following remarks: Tin.—English is unaltered in value; the demand, however, is somewhat slack. For foreign there is no pressing inquiry, but since Friday last the transactions have been on a fair average scale. The deliveries for September were somewhat in excess of the quantity expected, though as yet they are not sufficiently large to cause any improvement in the market, which still has a tendency toward lower prices. At the Dutch sale on the 29th ult., 23,300 slabs Banca sold at an average of 50-80 fl., equal to 98.6 per cwt., laid down in warehouse, London, notwithstanding which result the news has had no effect upon values of other sorts, though the quotations for the said description continue to rule disproportionately high. The following shows the position of available foreign tin: Stock in London, 1st October, 1874, 2658 tons; Banca in Holland (in second hands), 877; Billiton in Holland, 1078; Straits afloat for Europe, 200; Billiton afloat for Europe, 233; Australian afloat for Europe (including tin in ore), 1000; total, 6766 tons; price of Straits, \$22. The following shows the position of Banca tin in the hands of the Dutch Trading Company: Unsold in warehouse, 1st October, 1874, 2985 tons; afloat for Holland, 128; total, 4019 tons. The following represents the quantity of tin brought to market between 1st of January and 30th of September this year, as compared with 1873 and 1872: Sales of Banca by the trading company, 3469 tons; imports of Billiton, 2318; imports of Straits, 2774; imports of Australian tin, 2726; total metal, 11,317 tons; imports of Australian (pure) in ore, 2341 tons. Deliveries of foreign tin in London and Holland: 1st of January to 30th of September, 1874, 10,313 tons; during September, 1368 tons. The following are the statistics of Australian tin (reduced to pure metal), the ore being estimated to contain 70 per cent.: Imports into London, 1st of January to 30th of September, 1874, 5067 tons; imports into London during September, 603 tons. Quality estimated as afloat (reduced to pure metal), according to latest advices received: October, 1873, 332 tons; November, 839; December, 1032; October, 1874, 1000 tons.

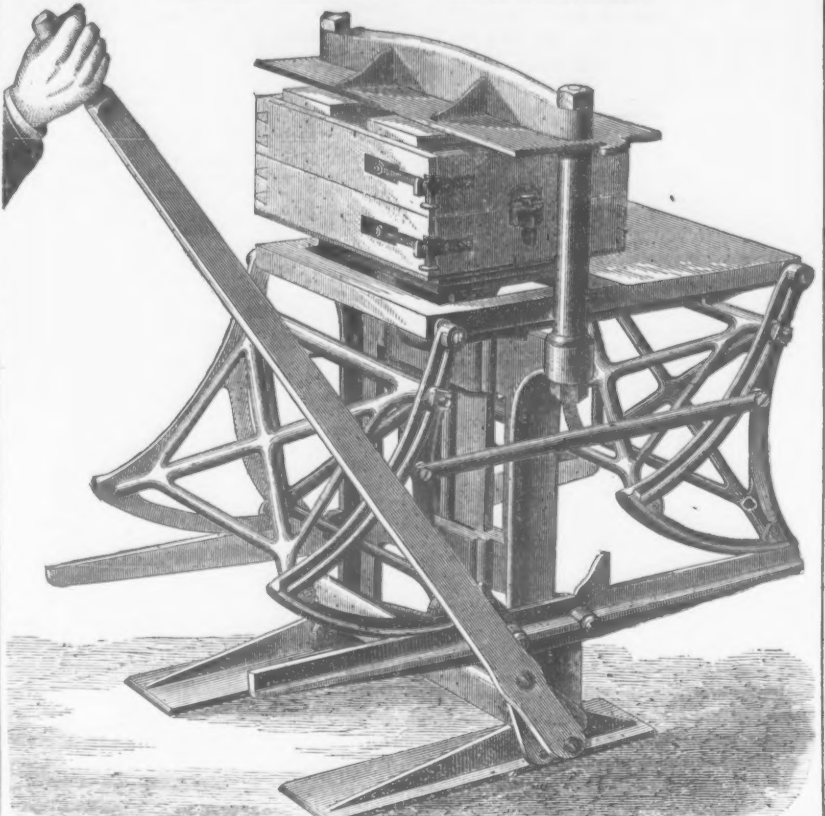
The monthly circular of Messrs. Richardson & Co., Swansea, says: "We have to record a satisfactory change during the past month in the copper market. The confidence holders had in the expectation of a rise in values, as noticed in our last issue, has been fully substantiated, considerable business has been done, and prices of most articles in the metal trade have steadily advanced. The tone of the copper market as we write is good, and there is altogether more confidence in the position of affairs generally. Within the last few days large quantities of furnace material have been sold, to arrive, from 15/9 to 16/6 per unit, and tough cake and Chili bars of g. o. b. are quoted \$4 per ton in excess of what they were for the corresponding period last month. The Chili advices giving charters for the second half of August reached us on the 31st ultimo, giving 2100 tons fine (1800 of which was in bars and ingots, and 300 in ores and regulus); this was a heavier total than was anticipated, seeing that the previous fortnight reached 2000 tons; the news, however, had only a momentary effect on the hardening tendency of our market. On the 25th ultimo, advice came of only 1000 tons chartered for the first half of September, which helped to bring down the former heavy quantities, and hence tended to further strengthen the upward march of values. The confidence imparted by the prolonged ease of the money market, coupled with the statistical state of the stocks, makes holders confident that a further rise must take place, they are therefore holding firmly, and will only listen to business at advanced rates. We have not heard of any further likelihood of our market being weakened by a sudden influx of lake copper, and we see no looming cause for bringing down the present healthy state of the trade. We quote ores and regulus, 16/10 to 16/9 per unit; tough cake, \$20 to \$20; Chili bars, \$21 to \$22; bar silver, 4/9 1/2 per oz. standard. Tin.—English block, \$26 to \$27; Straits, \$20 to \$22; Banca, \$27 to \$29. Lead.—English pig, \$21. 15/100 to \$22. Spelter, \$23. 15/100 per ton. Bank rate of discount 3 per cent."

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Merchant bar.....	2 s. d.	2 s. d.	
Merchant bar, in Wales.....	9 7 6 to 9 10 0		
Staffordshire.....	10 5 0 to 10 14 0		
Hoop.....	12 0 0 to 13 0 0		
Sheet.....	13 10 0 to 14 0 0		
Nail rod.....	10 10 0 to 11 0 0		
Bar, best crown.....	10 5 0 to 10 10 0		
Boiler plates.....	12 10 0 to 13 10 0		
Tin Plates: f. o. b. in Liverpool, per box.			
Charcoal, L. C.....	1 16 0 to 1 19 0		
Coke, L. C.....	1 8 0 to 1 10 0		
Copper: Delivered in Liverpool, per ton.			
Bolt and Sheathing.....	26 s.		
Tin.....	90		
Tough cake.....	98		
Best selected.....	90		

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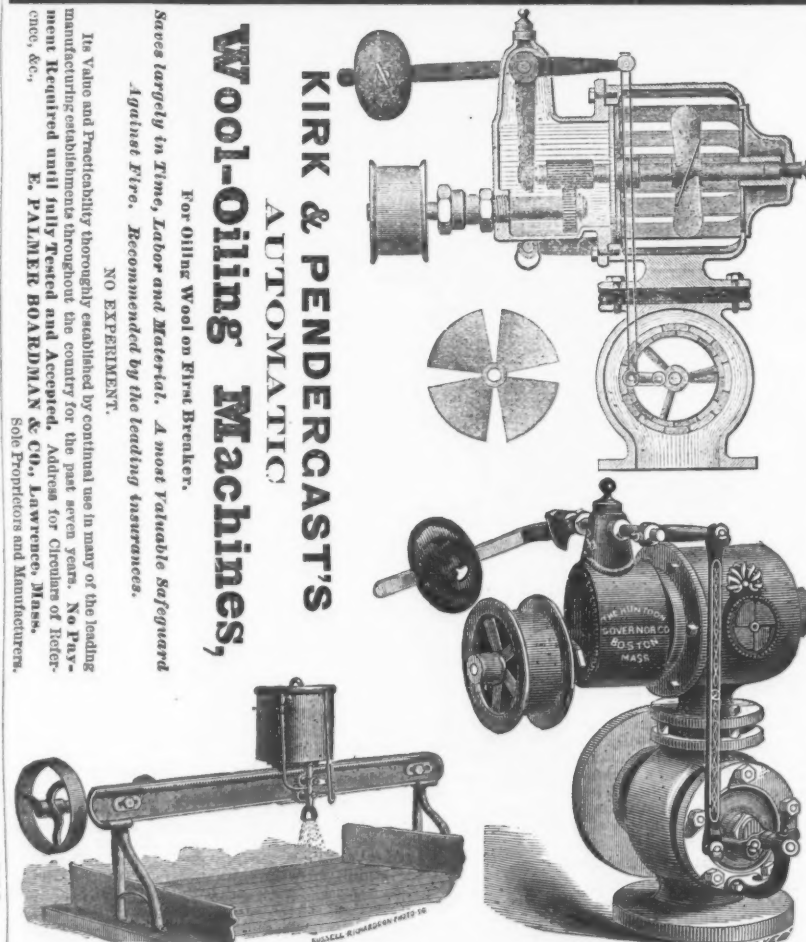
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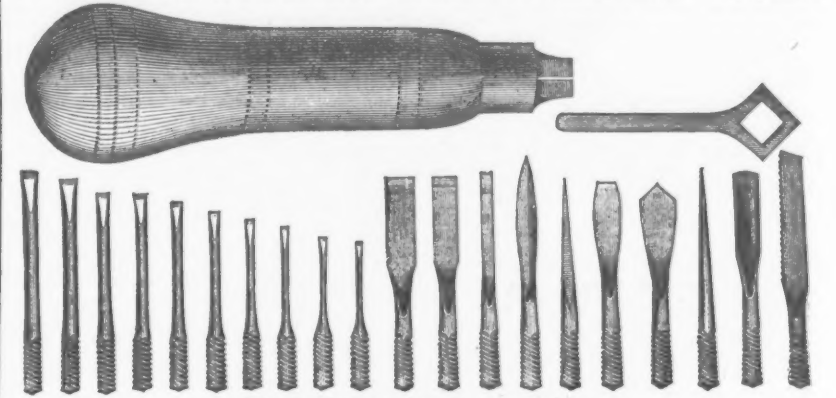


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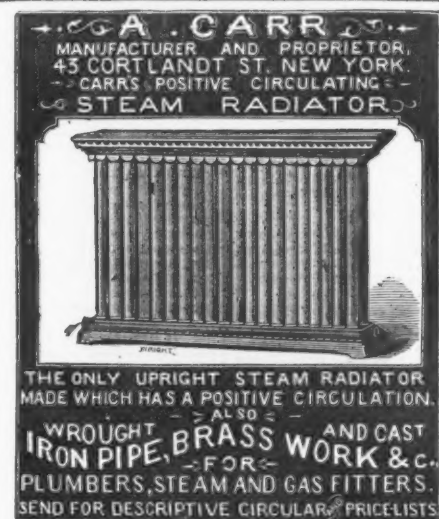
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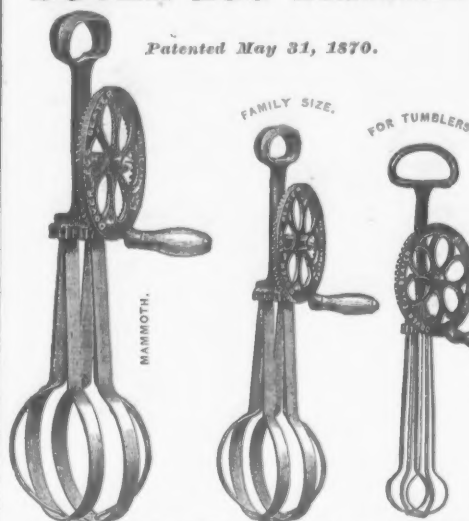
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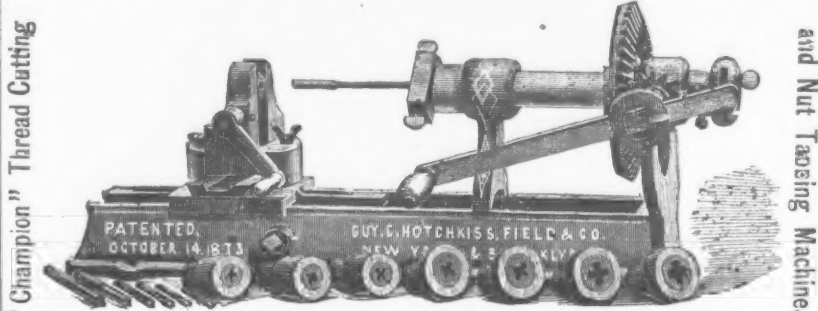
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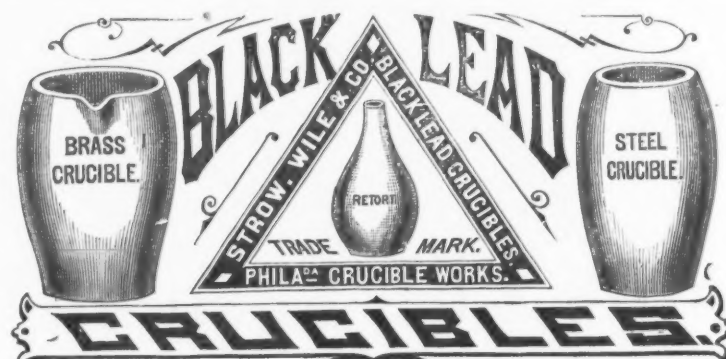


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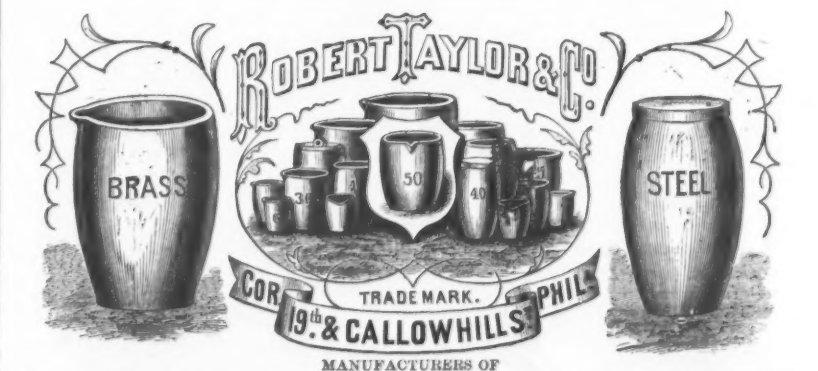
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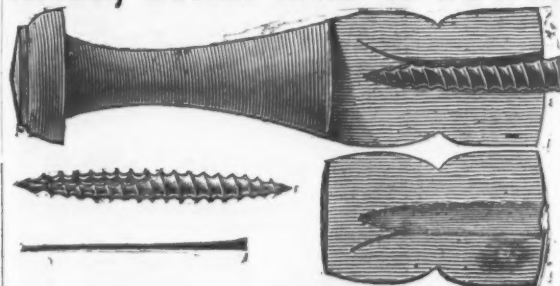
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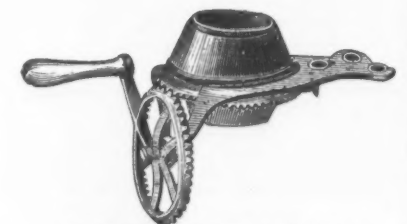
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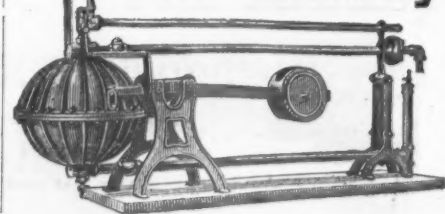
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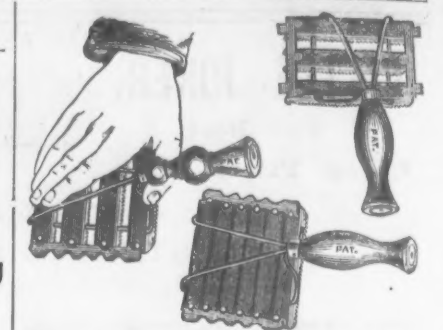
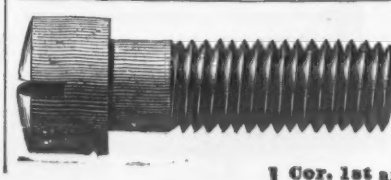
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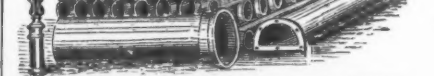
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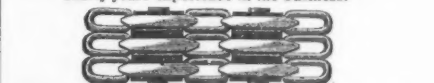
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New Coal Fields in European Turkey.

The latest of the series of commercial reports issued by the British foreign office, contains the following:

A party of English engineers having recently surveyed, on behalf of the Viceroy of Egypt, the coal field of Dranista, and excavated from it some 350 tons of coal, which they have sent to Wales for the purpose of satisfactorily testing its steam generating or other properties, I have obtained from them the following account of their survey: The coal field of Dranista is situated about fifty miles to the southwest of the town of Salonica, and is enclosed by a range of mountains of crescent shape, commencing on the south at Mount Olympus, and terminating on the north at the Bay of Kitros, in the Gulf of Salonica. There is an aggregate thickness of about 8 feet of coal, extending over a known area of about 2000 acres; but it is highly probable that the coal field is of much greater extent, and although not actually proved, the engineers are of opinion, judging from the surface formation, that there is a total area of thirty square miles in which the above thickness of coal would be found, and which, in round numbers, would contain 255,000,000 tons of coal. The coal is of the tertiary formation, appears to be of good quality, and would be useful for steam purposes. It burns very well in the open air, giving good heat, with very little smoke; but the engineers were not prepared to give me a definite opinion as to the chemical properties and fitness of the coal for generating steam, they not having been provided with means of making proper experiments with it on the spot. They say that in outward appearance it most resembles Scotch coal, but differs from all English coal in its rapid deterioration upon exposure to the atmosphere. When so exposed it breaks up and crumbles into dust in a very short time, but when stored under cover it preserves its quality very well.

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I am indebted for most of the above information to Messrs. Gray and Bell, the engineers who surveyed the coal field. Dranista, the chief village in the vicinity of this coal field, is prettily situated at the foot of Mount Olympus, in the center of a well wooded and picturesque country; its climate is salubrious, and the peasantry of this and surrounding villages, principally Greeks, are industrious and quietly disposed. Catterina, the nearest town to Dranista (three hours distant) is the center of a very active and extensive trade in timber, which gives profitable employment to the population of the district. It is governed by a sub-governor under the Pasha of Salonica, with which, and with the chief towns in Thessaly and Macedonia, it is in telegraphic communication. In a country like Turkey, where the consumption of coal goes on continually increasing, owing to the advance it is making in agriculture, industry and population, and to the success of railway extensions and other undertakings, the coal mines of Dranista, if they are found sufficiently fertile and worth working, will be of very great consequence.

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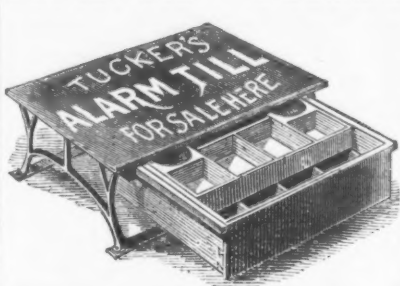
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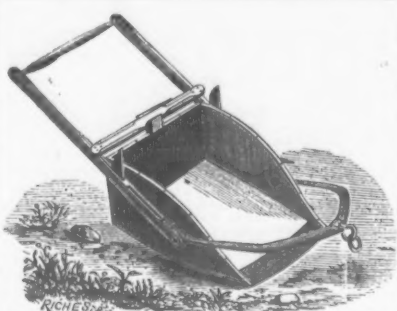
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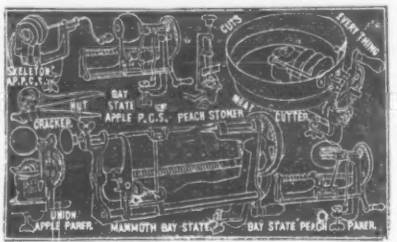
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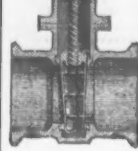
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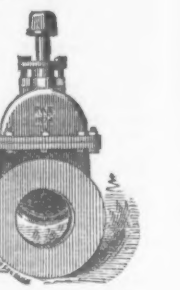
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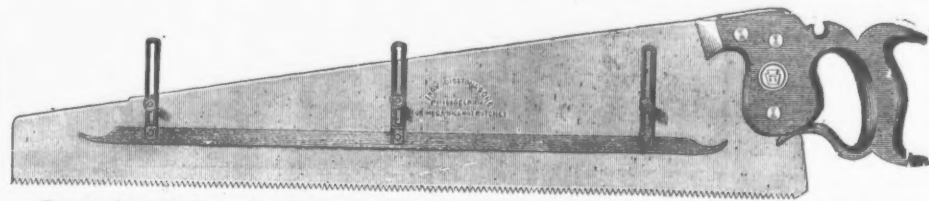
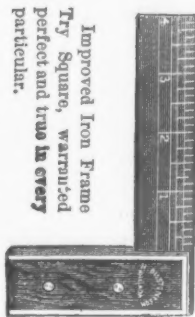
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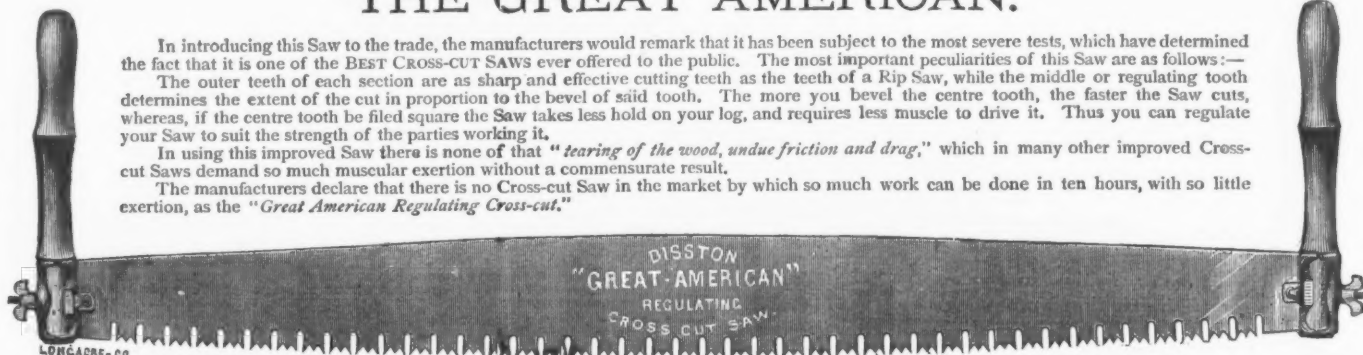


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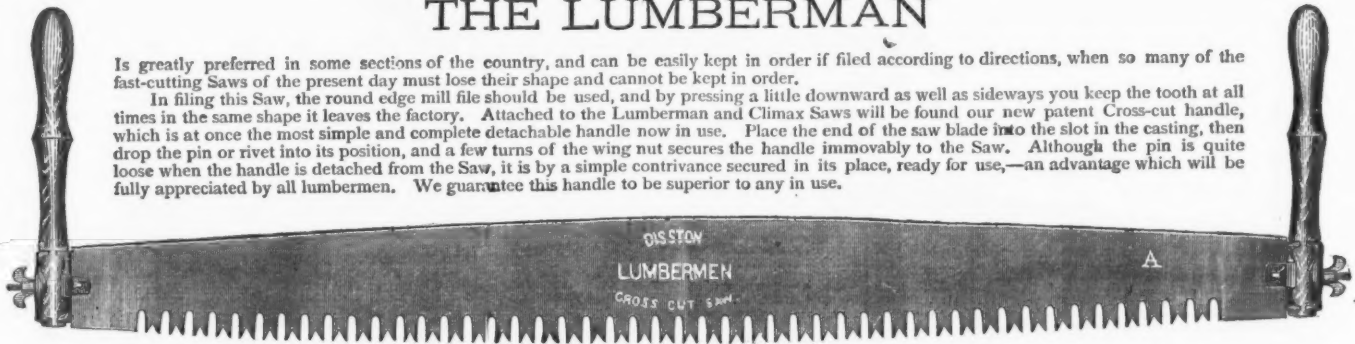
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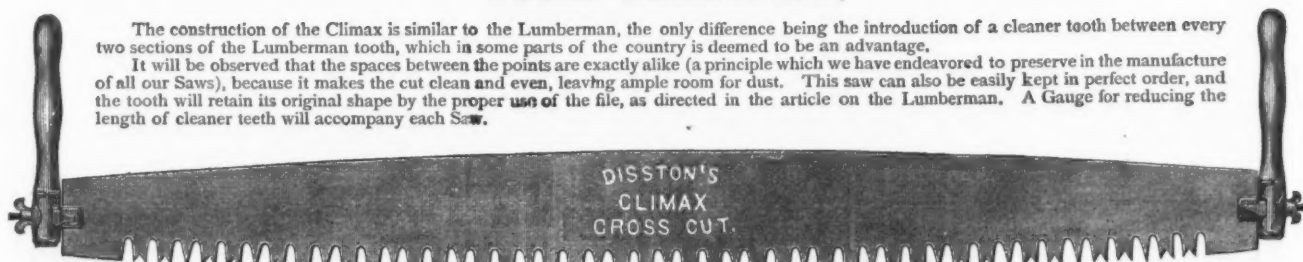
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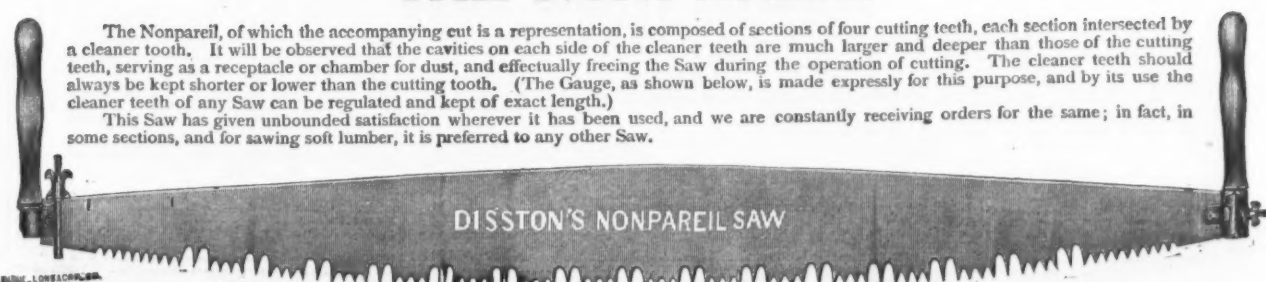
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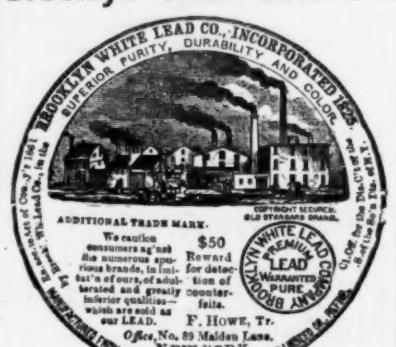
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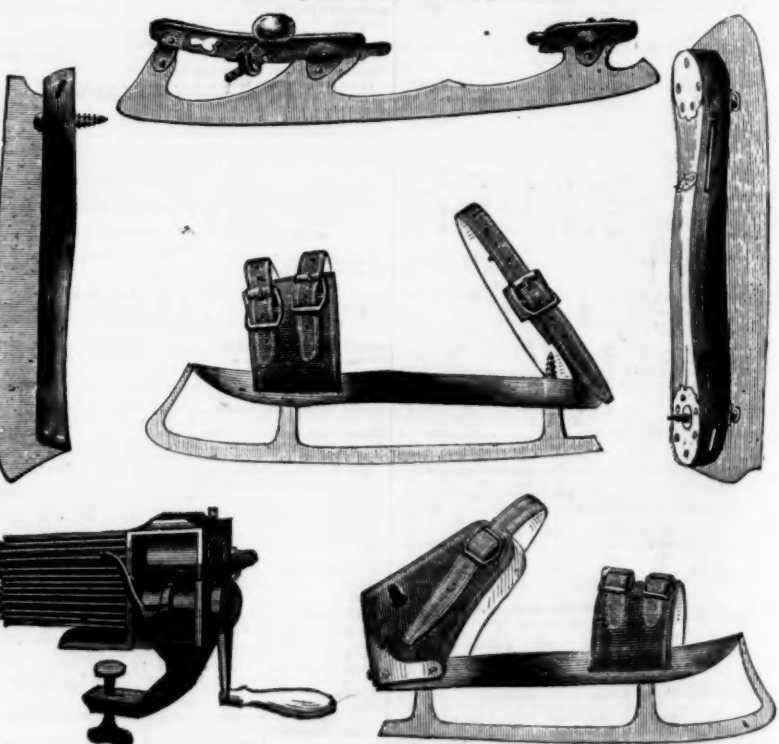
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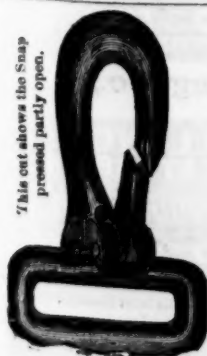
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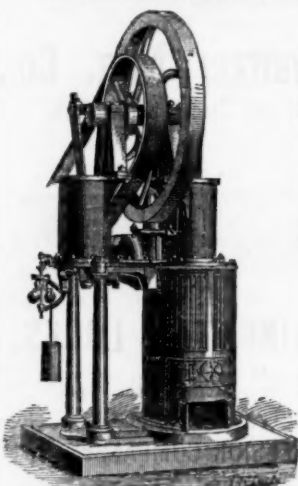
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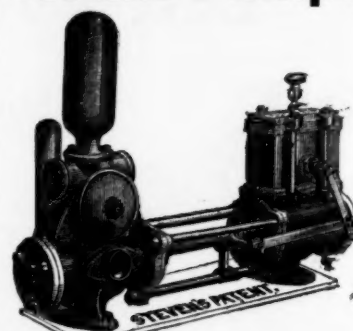
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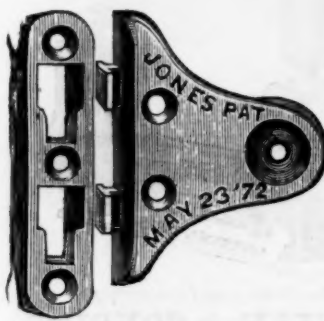
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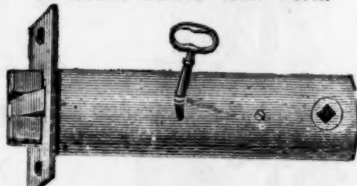
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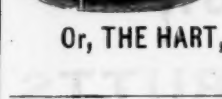
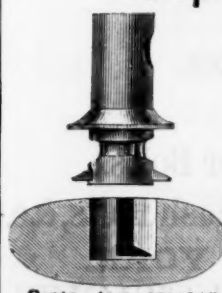


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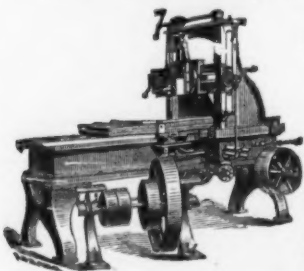
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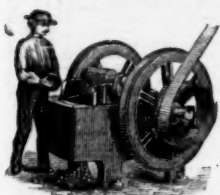
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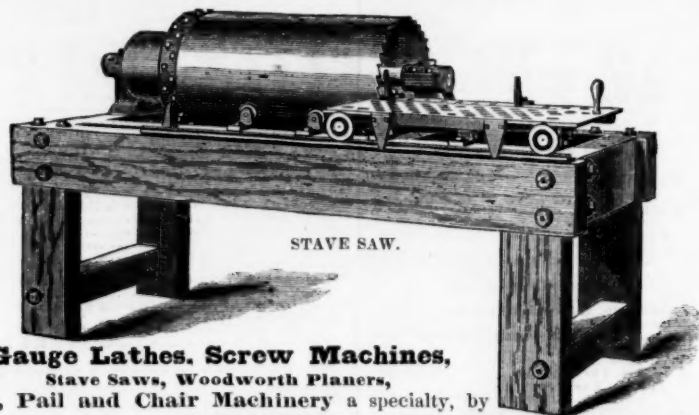


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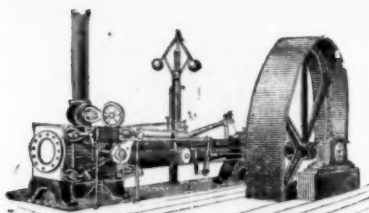
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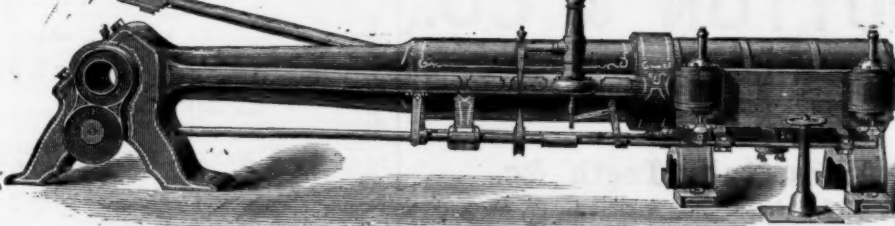
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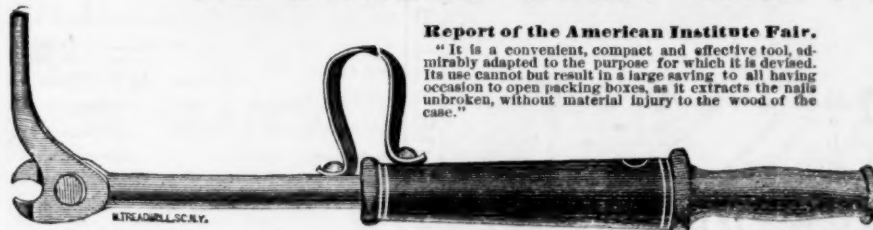
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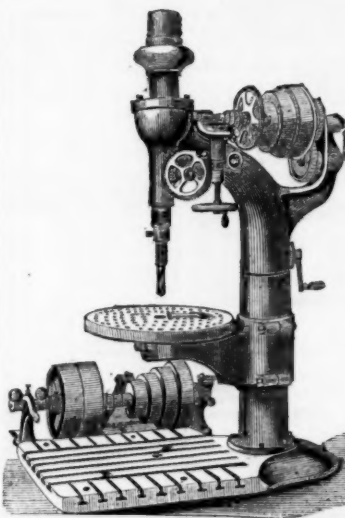
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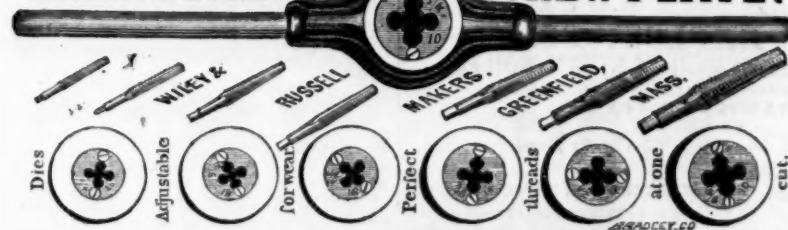
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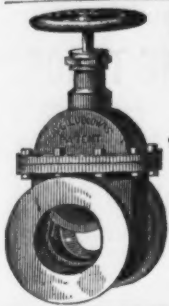
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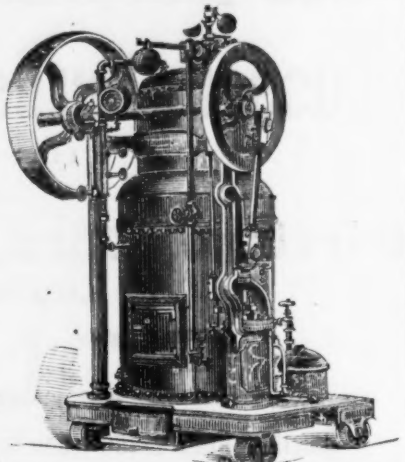
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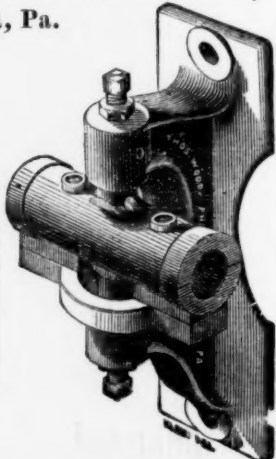
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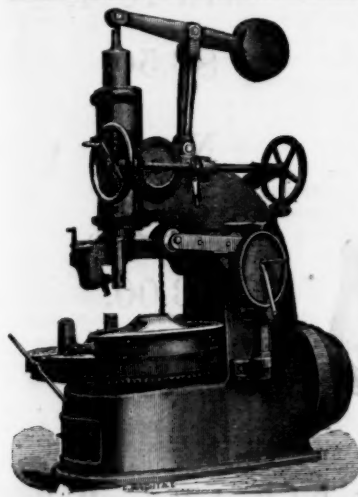
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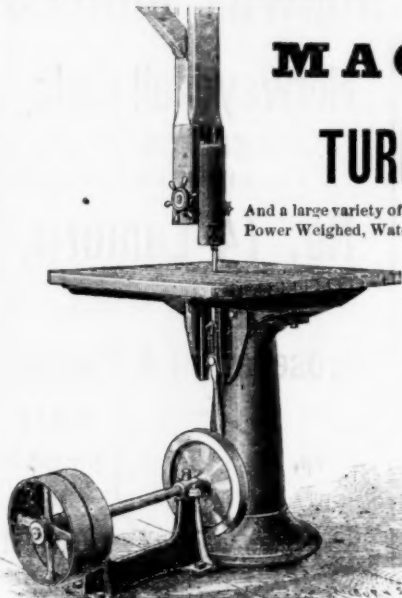
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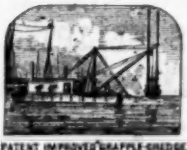
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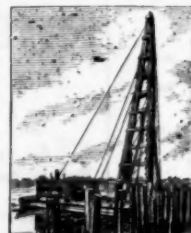
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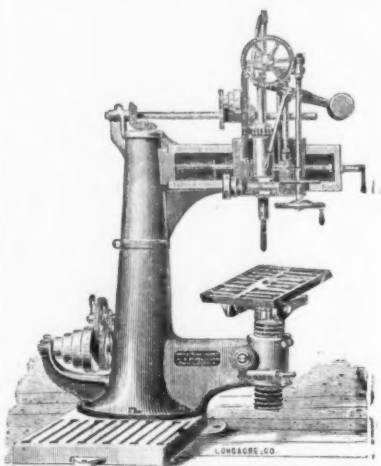
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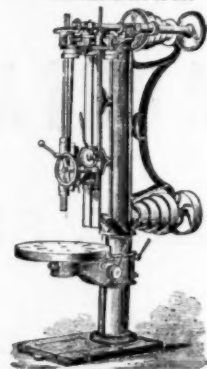
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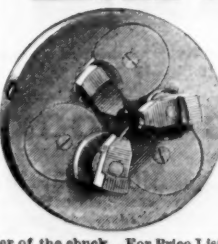
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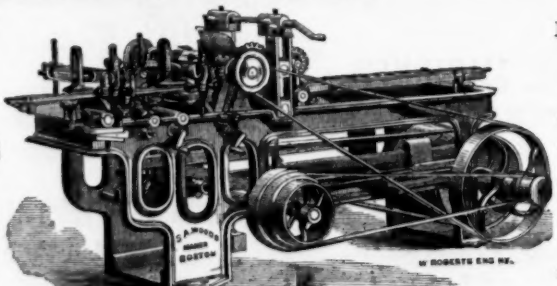
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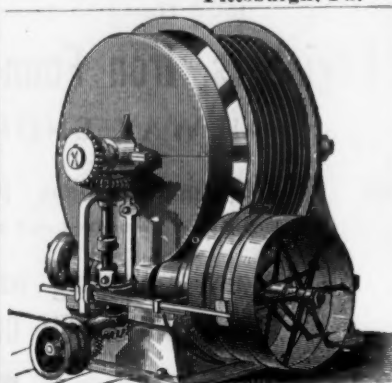
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